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In The Supreme Court**

**APPEAL FROM AIKEN COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
James Martin Harvey, Jr., Special Referee**

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v.

**Doris E. Tummillo and Georgia Bank and Trust Company of Augusta, Defendants,
Of Whom Doris E. Tummillo is the Petitioner,**

And

Georgia Bank and Trust Company of Augusta is a Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2013-001624

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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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James Martin Harvey, Jr., Special Referee**

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Of Whom Doris E. Tummillo is the Appellant,

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF AIKEN

) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

) C/A No. 2009-CP-02-000958

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Plaintiff

vs.

DORIS E. TUMMILLO,

First Defendant

And

GEORGIA BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY OF AUGUSTA,

Second Defendant.

) AMENDED ORDER OF JUDGMENT

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This is an action to foreclose on a mechanic's lien arising from a contract to build a pole barn intended to house thoroughbred horses. Defendant Doris Tummillo counterclaimed for breach of contract, alleging plaintiff had abandoned the job. The matter was referred to me by agreement of the parties pursuant to Rule 53, South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. Trial was held in Aiken on July 12, 2012. Plaintiff and Defendant Tummillo stipulated that the mortgage lien of Defendant Georgia Bank and Trust Company of Augusta had priority over Plaintiff's claim, after which I heard testimony of Chris Key and J. D. Cooper on behalf of Plaintiff, and Doris Tummillo, Robert D. Sidener and Mike Tummillo on behalf of Defendant. Based on the evidence in the record, I make the following findings of fact:

1. Elite Construction, Inc. [hereafter sometimes referred to as "Elite"] is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of South Carolina.

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2. Doris E. Tummillo is a resident of Aiken County, South Carolina who owns real property located in the County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, commonly known as 4201 Shiloh Church Road, Aiken, South Carolina, 29801, and as more fully described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, containing 123.559 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described upon a plat prepared by W. J. Webb, PLS, for Doris E. Tummillo, dated June 20, 2008 and recorded on October 28, 2008 in Plat Book 54, at page 229, in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina. Reference being made hereby to aforementioned plat for a more complete and accurate description as to metes, boundaries, and location of subject property.

This being a portion of the same property conveyed to Doris E. Tummillo by quitclaim deed of Tummekki, LLC dated November 27, 2008 and recorded on December 3, 2008 in Record Book 4231, at page 2080, in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina.

Aiken County Tax Parcel No.: 101-00-02-002 (portion of)

3. Defendant Georgia Bank and Trust Company of Augusta is a banking institution organized and existing under the laws of one of the United States of America and transacts business in Aiken County, South Carolina. Defendant holds a mortgage over the real property in question given by Tummillo dated January 9, 2009, recorded in Mortgage Book 4236, Page 1820, Office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Aiken County, South Carolina.

4. On July 16, 2008 Elite and Tummillo entered into a contract under which Elite agreed to construct a pole barn on the subject property, including labor and materials for the sum of \$358,379.00. The barn was designed to contain 45 horse stalls. The contract was reduced to writing (hereafter sometimes referred to as "the Document"). (Plf. Ex.1) While the Document does not specifically state the dimensions of the stalls, the configuration of the building called for a main central section measuring 64 feet wide by 204 feet long, and three wings measuring 72 feet long by 24 feet wide. The central wing was eliminated when the parties agreed to reduce the total number of stalls to 40, consequentially reducing the contract price to \$319,668.00.

5. The Document contains Tummillo's agreement to provide for site preparation work and the building permit. No completion date was specified in the Document. In spite of the absence of any language to the effect in the Document, at its execution Tummillo claims she informed Elite that time was of the essence in the construction, that the horse stalls in the barn

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were to be rented, and that if the project was not completed in a timely fashion, Tummillo would lose revenues due to her inability to rent the stalls for the 2008-9 season. Tummillo had the site work done in September and purchased the building permit on October 2, 2008. [Plf. Ex. 3]. Elite began work when the building permit was issued.

6. Drawings for the barn confirm the barn's exterior dimensions but are silent on the interior dimensions. [Plf. Ex. 2] It is not difficult to ascertain the interior dimensions by referring to Exhibits 1 and 2. The drawings provide for 10 groups of three stalls each in the main section, separated by 4 interior aisles allowing access to the stalls, with 2 aisles on each end. Two aisles run the length of the main structure. Building Specifications attached to Ex. 1 provide the aisle-ways to be 14 feet in width. Six total short aisles on the main section at 14 feet each amounts to 84 feet, leaving 120 feet to account for the 10 stalls [120 feet ÷ 10 stalls = 12 feet/stall]. Two long aisles of 14 feet each on the main section amounts to 28 feet, leaving 36 feet to account for the rows of 3 stalls [36 feet ÷ 3 stalls = 12 feet/stall]. I accept as credible and consistent with the plans Chris Key's explanation that the posts of each stall were placed at 12 feet on center and that interior dimensions of each would necessarily be smaller due to the diameter of the support posts and the thickness of the material used to construct the interior walls. I find Defendant Tummillo's expectancy of 144 interior square feet for each stall to be inconsistent with and contrary to the contract and plans.

7. Tummillo agreed to pay Elite the contract sum in four installments, or "draws": 30% due at signing; 30% due on completion of the roof; 30% due after completion of the exterior walls and; the balance "due when the job is completed, and be paid within 10 days of completion."

8. Tummillo paid Elite \$107,513.70 shortly after the contract was signed on July 24 and \$84,000 on November 24, 2008, for the first two draws, the latter taking into account the parties' amendment of the contract price.

9. In late December, 2008, Elite submitted a request for the third draw, informing Tummillo the exterior walls were completed. While photographic evidence is arguably contradictory on this issue, Chris Key's testimony on this issue is more credible than Mike Tummillo's. I find that the exterior walls were completed sufficiently to warrant a request for draw. To the extent that the walls were not fully completed, that which was to have been completed was so minor that it was of a "punch list" nature, which is taken into account

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hereinbelow. Tummillo refused to pay the third draw, citing several perceived problems with the construction, to-wit: the stalls in the barn were not built according to the contract and the exterior walls were not complete.

10. With the third draw not forthcoming, on January 5, 2009, Elite suspended work on the barn and informed Tumillo it would not complete work until the third draw was paid. Elite admits the job was 85% complete when it left the site. Since the draw was to have been based upon 90% completion, I find this more than accounts for the exterior walls.

11. Tummillo did not complain about the size of the stalls until after January 5. Only then did she assert that the interior measurements were not 12 feet x 12 feet.

12. With the exception of grill work and stall doors, all material, labor and skills itemized by Elite were furnished for and actually used in the construction of defendant's barn. Elite mitigated its damages by returning the stall doors for credit. Elite was unable to return the grill work and remains responsible for payment.

13. On the 13th day of February 2009, within ninety (90) days after the last labor was provided to Tummillo, Elite filed a Notice of Mechanic's Lien seeking \$126,160.37 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Aiken County. The claim for lien was verified by oath of the plaintiff before a notary public in and for said State of South Carolina, and that the verification under the hand and seal of the notary public was attached to and filed with mechanic's lien.

14. Elite filed its Summons, Complaint and Lis Pendens six (6) months within the expiration of time limited by law for filing plaintiff's claim for lien.

15. In spite of the filing of the Notice of Mechanic's Lien and service of the verified statement of account as required by law, Tummillo failed to pay Elite's claim and plaintiff seeks foreclosure of its mechanic's lien against defendants' property according to law.

16. Elite has retained the services of legal counsel and has incurred expenses amounting to \$13,650.18 in the pursuit of this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this action.

Tummillo breached her contract with Elite by failing to pay the third draw, or any portion thereof, as agreed upon in the Document, and as a result of the breach I conclude that Elite is entitled to damages; however, the sum claimed in the mechanics' lien is excessive.

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The initial contract amount was \$358,379 reduced to \$319,668 when the parties eliminated five stalls. Based upon Elite's admission that it had only completed 85% of the contract on January 5, 2009, the total amount Elite should have collected would have been \$271,717.80 [$\$319,668 \times 85\%$]. Since Elite had received \$191,513.70, the balance due on its claim is \$80,204.10. I conclude that Elite is not entitled to the 10% retainage, or lost profit or overhead. Zensa Construction, Inc. v. Radazzo, 357 S.C. 32, 591 S.E.2d 29 (Cl.App.2003). Interest shall accrue at the per diem rate allowed by law from the entry of judgment.

Tummillo argues Elite's leaving the job before completion is a breach, that Elite performed the contract in a deficient manner, and that the delay resulted in damages. Elite's departure from the job site before completion of the contract does not preclude it from recovering under the mechanic's lien statutes. *Id.*

Tummillo claims her damages from Elite's delay are due to Elite's late start of the contract and its failure to complete. Tummillo's position is based upon her assertion that the Document does not completely express the parties' intent.

A Court considering a case involving a contract must give effect to the intent of the parties as expressed by their written memorandum of their agreement. When a contract document is unambiguous, clear and explicit, it must be construed according to the terms the parties have used, to be taken and understood in their plain, ordinary and popular sense. C.A.N. v. South Carolina Health and Human Services, 296 S.C. 373, 373 S.E.2d 584 (1988).

The Document is clear in its terms. A combined reading of the Document, with its attached Specifications and the plans, indicates the stalls were to be built as 12 feet on center, not on interior dimensions. Had the parties intended for the stalls to have interior dimensions of 12 feet, the exterior perimeter would of necessity have had to measure larger than the Document provided.

Tummillo argues that even if the stall size was based upon center to center measurements, Elite's delay still made her lose money. When the contract does not include a provision that "time is of the essence," the law implies that it is to be done within a reasonable time. Faulkner v. Millar, 319 S.C. 216, 219, 460 S.E.2d 378, 380 (1995). Nothing within the four corners of the Document alludes to a completion date, nor is there a statement contained therein that states that time is of the essence. To the extent there was a delay, I conclude it was

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reasonable. Elite's commencement of construction was predicated on Tumillo's completion of site preparation and obtaining the building permit. Elite began construction as soon as it was legally able.

Elite claims Tumillo owes it \$23,590 for change orders and \$6,007.66 in late fees to the contract. There is no evidence that the change orders were approved by Dr. Tumillo. The vast majority of the work provided for in the change orders was not performed. Elite seeks recovery for these under the guise that it is its policy to bill for changes orders in advance. There is no support for any such recovery, and this portion of Elite's claim has no merit.

Since Elite did not finish the job, Elite is not entitled to the 10% retainage. Tumillo's claims for damage due to incomplete work, defective roof and other "punch list" items [Plf. Ex. 15] are covered by this discounted value and her claims for roof repairs and costs of completion cannot be recognized twice. I further conclude that Tumillo's claims for lost profits are unsupported by credible evidence, and are speculative, at best. Even so, the party who breaches first bears the liability for nonperformance. Silver v Abstract Pools & Spas, Inc., 376 S.C. 585, 658 S.E.2d 539 (Ct.App.2008).

"The crucial requirement in lost profits determinations is that they be "established with reasonable certainty, for recovery cannot be had for profits that are conjectural or speculative." Drews Co., Inc. v. Ledwith-Wolfe Associates, Inc., 296 S.C. 207, 213, 371 S.E.2d 532, 535-6 (1988); quoting South Carolina Finance Corp. v. West Side Finance Co., 236 S.C. 109, 122, 113 S.E.2d 329, 335 (1960). "The proof must pass the realm of conjecture, speculation, or opinion not founded on facts, and must consist of actual facts from which a reasonably accurate conclusion regarding the cause and the amount of the loss can be logically and rationally drawn." Id.

Tumillo argues Elite's claim for a Five (5%) Percent late charge is spurious, relying upon language on the first page of the Document that provides for a late fee "if the amount due is not paid within ten days of completion". Tumillo argues that because the job was not complete, the late fee is not due. I agree and deny the claim for late fees.

I conclude, therefore that Elite should have judgment of foreclosure of the mechanic's lien in the sum of \$80,204.10 and the property subject to the mechanic's lien described hereinabove should be ordered sold at public auction after due advertisement.

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The question then turns to whether either side is entitled to recover their attorneys' fees. Tummillo's obligation to pay attorneys' is not just established by statute, it is also contractual. In either event, however, the determination of the amount of attorneys' fees that should be awarded is vested in the sound discretion of the Court. Keeneys Metals Roofing, Inc. vs. Palmieri, 345 S.C.550, 548 S.E.2d 900 (Cl.App. 2001).

The court must take into account six (6) factors: (1) Nature and extent and difficulty of the case; (2) Time necessarily devoted to the case; (3) Professional standing of the counsel; (4) The contingency of compensation; (5) Beneficial results obtained; and (6) Customary legal fees for similar services. Regardless of the outcome, the Court has discretion in this regard.

In determining the award for attorneys' fees under SC Code, Ann. §29-5-110(a), an additional issue to consider is identifying the "prevailing party." This decision is based upon the verdict in the action. The party whose offer is closer to the verdict is deemed to be the prevailing party. Where no written offer of settlement is made, the amount prayed for in the complaint is considered Elite's offer of settlement. While Tummillo has pursued a counterclaim, no amount is pled in the pleading. Elite's has claimed a lien in the amount of \$126,160.37 and has been awarded \$80,204.10 – a difference of \$45,956.27. Defendant's claim for lost revenue is \$12,000 per month for 3 months and has been awarded nothing. I conclude that Elite is the prevailing party; however, I am unable to award fees and costs without further information.

Elite's counsel's affidavit does not specify the number of hours devoted to the pursuit of the case. Likewise, there is insufficient evidence in the record that allows me to consider the contingency of compensation or the customary legal fees charged on matters of this nature by other members of the Aiken County Bar. I therefore reserve making an award pending a full submission by counsel of the items necessary for me to make a decision supported by the law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. There is due to the Plaintiff on its mechanic's lien the sum of \$80,204.10 representing the total debt due Plaintiff, plus attorneys' fees and costs to be determined after notice to all parties and an opportunity to be heard.
2. The total amount due in the preceding paragraph shall constitute the total judgment debt due the Plaintiff and shall bear interest hereafter at the legal rate.
3. That the Defendant liable for the aforesaid mechanic lien debt shall on or before the date of sale of the property hereinafter described, pay to the Plaintiff, or Plaintiff's attorney,

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the amount of Plaintiff's debt as aforesaid, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

4. That on default of payment at or before the time herein indicated, the premises described in the Complaint, as hereinafter set forth, be sold by the undersigned Special Referee for Aiken County at Public Auction in the Master in Equity Courtroom at the Aiken County Courthouse, Aiken, South Carolina, on some convenient Sales Day hereafter (and should be the regular day of judicial sales fall on a legal holiday, then in such event, the Sales Day shall be on the Tuesday next succeeding such holiday), on the following terms, that is to say:
 - a. FOR CASH: The undersigned Special Referee will require a deposit of five percent (5%) on the amount of the bid (in cash or equivalent) same to be applied on the purchase price upon compliance with the bid, but in case of non-compliance within twenty (20) days same to be forfeited and applied to the costs and Plaintiff's debt.
 - b. The same shall be subject to the mortgage lien of Georgia Bank and Trust Company of Augusta, Georgia, taxes and assessments, existing easements and restriction, easement and restrictions of record, and any other senior encumbrances. Proceeds of sale shall not be paid to the prior lienholder.
 - c. Purchaser to pay for deed stamps and costs of recording the deed.
5. If Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the said sale, for a sum not exceeding the amount of costs, expenses, and the indebtedness of Plaintiff's indebtedness.
6. That the undersigned Special Referee will by advertisement according to law, give notice of the time and place of sale, and the terms thereof, and will execute to the Purchaser, or Purchasers, a deed to the premises sold. The Plaintiff, or any other party to this action, may become a Purchaser at such sale, and that is, upon such sale being made, the Purchaser, or Purchasers should fail to comply with the terms thereof within twenty (20) days after date of sale, then the undersigned Special Referee may advertise the said premises for sale on the next, or some other subsequent Sales Day, at the risk of the highest bidder, and so from time to time thereafter until a full compliance shall be secured.
7. That the undersigned Special Referee will apply the proceeds of sale as follows:

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FIRST: to the payment of the amount of the costs and expenses of this action including any Guardian ad Litem fee or fees of attorneys appointed under Order of Court;

SECOND: to the payment to the Plaintiff's or Plaintiff's attorney, of the amount of Plaintiff's debt and interest or so much thereof as the purchase money will pay on same;

NEXT: any surplus will be held pending further Order of this Court.

8. It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that in the event the successful bidder is other than the Defendant in possession herein, the Sheriff of Aiken County is ordered and directed to eject and remove from the premises the occupant(s) of the property sold, together with all personal property located thereon, and put the successful bidder or his assigns in such peaceable possession.
9. And it is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Defendant named herein and all persons whosever claiming under him, her, them or it including but not limited to any title holder acquiring title subsequent to the filing of the Lis Pendens in this matter whether a party to this action or not be forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title, interest, and equity in redemption in the said premises so sold, or any part thereof.
10. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 30-9-31 (Supp. 1987), the deed of conveyance made pursuant to this sale shall be indexed in the grantor index by the Register of Mesne Conveyances in the name of the owner of record of subject property immediately prior to the execution of the deed, as well as in the name of the Special Referee for Aiken County, who executes such a deed as Grantor.
11. The undersigned Special Referee will retain jurisdiction to do all the necessary acts incident to this foreclosure, including but not limited to, the issuance of a Writ of Assistance and disposing of any surplus funds pursuant to Rule 71(c), SCRCP.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


J. Martin Harvey, Special Referee

Barnwell, South Carolina

September 2012

July 15 2013

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AIKEN
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2009 CP-02-958

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

DORIS E. TURMILLO

PLAINTIFF(S)

GEORGIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF AUGUSTA
DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:

Attorney for: ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant
or
☐ Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ JURY VERDICT. This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- ☒ DECISION BY THE COURT. This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ☐ ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON): ☐ Rule 12(b), SCRPC; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); ☐ Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); ☐ Other
- ☐ ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON): ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRPC; ☐ Bankruptcy; ☐ Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; ☐ Other
- ☐ DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):
☐ Affirmed; ☐ Reversed; ☐ Remanded; ☐ Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☒ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☒ Statement of Judgment by the Court. Pursuant to Rule 60(a), the undersigned has discovered a clerical error in Item 14 in the Findings of Fact made in the Order entered in this matter dated September 5, 2012, and the attached Amended Order of Judgment is submitted in substitution.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☒ ends ☐ does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk: MECHANIC'S LIEN FORECLOSURE

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC INDEX

Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.

Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)
ELITE CONSTRUCTION INC.	DORIS E. TURMILLO	\$99,998.50
		\$
		\$

If applicable, describe the property, including tax map information and address, referenced in the order:
4201 SHILOH CHURCH RD AIKEN SC US 101-00-02-002

The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be compared such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details.

Circuit Court Judge

SCRPC Form 4C (10/2011)

Judge Code

Date

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This judgment was entered on the 22 day of July ^{ASK} 2013 and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this 22 day of July ^{ASK} 2013 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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By: [Signature]
CLERK OF COURT

Court Reporter:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF AIKEN)

Elite Construction, Inc.,)

Plaintiff,)

VS.)

Doris E. Tumillo and Georgia
Bank and Trust Company of
Augusta,)

Defendants.)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CA No. 2009-CP-02-958

ORDER ON MOTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
TO AMEND OF AIKEN

I, Liz Gaddard, Clerk of Court of Common Pleas and General
Sessions for Aiken County, South Carolina, do hereby certify
that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the
original documents which have been filed in my office this

JUN 24 2013

C.C.P. & G.S. Aiken County, S.C.

Deputy Clerk

After entry of judgment in favor of the plaintiff by Order dated September 5, 2012, Defendant, Doris E. Tumillo, [hereafter sometimes referred to as "Tumillo"] timely filed a Motion to Amend Judgment. While Tumillo filed her Motion pursuant to Rule 52(b), South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, I will also consider it pursuant to Rule 59(e). For the reasons set forth below, however, I deny the motion.

As part of her Motion to Amend Judgment Tumillo requests that the judgment issued by this Court be altered or amended in the following respects. First, she argues that the amount of the Plaintiff's judgment should be reduced to reflect a monetary credit for the number of finished stalls in the barn which fail to meet the size requirements set forth in the Parties' contract. Second, Tumillo urges that the judgment should be amended to reflect that the delay in completing the barn is attributable to the Plaintiff, thereby allowing her to recover under her counterclaim. Finally, Tumillo contends that this Court erred in allowing the Plaintiff to supplement the record for this matter with respect to recovery of attorney's fees.

A. Stall Size. Plaintiff agreed to construct "12 by 12" stalls for Tumillo. The testimony of certain witnesses, including the Plaintiff's expert witness, which I find to be more credible than conflicting evidence of other witnesses, shows that the term "12 by 12", as used in the construction and equestrian industry, does not refer to actual measurements, but rather to

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nominal dimensions. The term "12 by 12" is used to described stalls of an approximate, but not exact, size. While it is undisputed that a number of the stalls constructed by the Plaintiff do not actually measure "12 feet by 12 feet" there is nothing in the Parties' written agreement which sets forth a requirement that the stalls be so precisely constructed.

B. Timely completion. The written agreement did not contain a deadline for the project's completion. As noted in my September 5, 2012 Order, in the absence of anything to the contrary, the law implies that the agreement should be completed within a reasonable period of time.

The evidence taken as a whole indicates that the Plaintiff was not able to commence construction of the barn until the building site was fully prepared and a building permit was obtained. Tummillo was responsible for satisfying these requirements, both of which were delayed to some degree. There is no credible evidence that would lead me to conclude that once construction commenced the Plaintiff failed to move forward deliberately and reasonably in its performance.

Further, Tummillo was unable to establish with credible evidence that she sustained any damages as a result of her claimed delay in completion of the project. From this Court's perspective her testimony, and the remaining evidence offered to support her claim for damages, fails to meet those legal standards set forth in the September 5, 2012 Order.

C. Attorneys Fees. There is no basis to grant Tummillo's request to disallow the Plaintiff's claims for attorney's fees, costs and expenses in this case. Having determined that the Plaintiff is entitled to recover attorney fees, costs and expenses this Court has the discretion to retain jurisdiction and allow additional submissions and evidence to support such a claim.

For the above stated reasons Tummillo's Motion to Amend Judgment is denied.

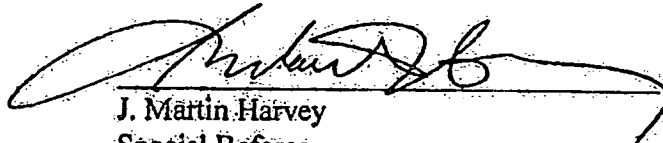
With respect to the Plaintiff's claim for attorney's fees, costs and expenses I have reviewed the affidavit of its Counsel, with attachments. The Parties previously agreed that neither Counsel would be required to submit or offer testimony to support or verify the amount claimed or reasonableness of any fees, costs and expenses.

Upon review of the affidavit and attachments submitted by Counsel for the Plaintiff I find

that the Plaintiff's claim for fees, costs and expenses in the amount of \$19,794.40 is fair and reasonable, is representative of the time and labor required to perform legal services such as those presented in this case and is representative of the fees, costs and expenses customarily charged for similar legal services in the venue where this action is pending. Now, therefore IT IS ORDERED, that the motion to Amend Judgment filed by Defendant, Doris Tummillo, be and hereby is, DENIED.

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Plaintiff is awarded attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred in pursuit of this matter in the amount of \$19,794.40, and judgment is awarded and entered accordingly.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



J. Martin Harvey
Special Referee

Barnwell, South Carolina

Dated: June 17, 2013

FORM 4

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AIKEN
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2009 CP-02-958

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

DORIS E. TUMILLO

PLAINTIFF(S)

GEORGIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF AUGUSTA
DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:

Attorney for : ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant
or
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IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☐ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☐ Statement of Judgment by the Court.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☒ ends ☐ does not end the case.

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ELITE CONSTRUCTION INC.	DORIS E. TUMILLO	\$99,998.60
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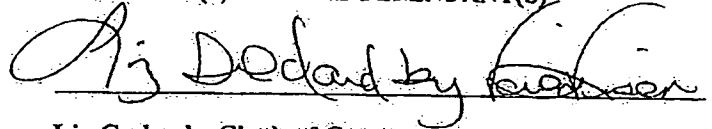
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.

This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF AIKEN) C/A No. 2009-CP-02-000958

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.)

Plaintiff)

vs.)

ORDER OF JUDGMENT

DORIS E. TUMMILLO,)

First Defendant)

And)

GEORGIA BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY OF AUGUSTA,)

Second Defendant.)

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This is an action to foreclose on a mechanic's lien arising from a contract to build a pole barn intended to house thoroughbred horses. Defendant Doris Tummillo counterclaimed for breach of contract, alleging plaintiff had abandoned the job. The matter was referred to me by agreement of the parties pursuant to Rule 53, South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. Trial was held in Aiken on July 12, 2012. Plaintiff and Defendant Tummillo stipulated that the mortgage lien of Defendant Georgia Bank and Trust Company of Augusta had priority over Plaintiff's claim, after which I heard testimony of Chris Key and J. D. Cooper on behalf of Plaintiff, and Doris Tummillo, Robert D. Sidener and Mike Tummillo on behalf of Defendant. Based on the evidence in the record, I make the following findings of fact:

1. Elite Construction, Inc. (hereafter sometimes referred to as "Elite") is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of South Carolina.

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2. Doris E. Tummillo is a resident of Aiken County, South Carolina who owns real property located in the County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, commonly known as 4201 Shiloh Church Road, Aiken, South Carolina, 29801, and as more fully described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, containing 123.559 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described upon a plat prepared by W. J. Webb, PLS, for Doris E. Tummillo, dated June 20, 2008 and recorded on October 28, 2008 in Plat Book 54, at page 229, in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina. Reference being made hereby to aforementioned plat for a more complete and accurate description as to metes, boundaries, and location of subject property.

This being a portion of the same property conveyed to Doris E. Tummillo by quitclaim deed of Tummmckki, LLC dated November 27, 2008 and recorded on December 3, 2008 in Record Book 4231, at page 2080, in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina.

Aiken County Tax Parcel No.: 101-00-02-002 (portion of)

3. Defendant Georgia Bank and Trust Company of Augusta is a banking institution organized and existing under the laws of one of the United States of America and transacts business in Aiken County, South Carolina. Defendant holds a mortgage over the real property in question given by Tummillo dated January 9, 2009, recorded in Mortgage Book 4236, Page 1820, Office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Aiken County, South Carolina.

4. On July 16, 2008 Elite and Tummillo entered into a contract under which Elite agreed to construct a pole barn on the subject property, including labor and materials for the sum of \$358,379.00. The barn was designed to contain 45 horse stalls. The contract was reduced to writing (hereafter sometimes referred to as "the Document"). (Plf. Ex. 1) While the Document does not specifically state the dimensions of the stalls, the configuration of the building called for a main central section measuring 64 feet wide by 204 feet long, and three wings measuring 72 feet long by 24 feet wide. The central wing was eliminated when the parties agreed to reduce the total number of stalls to 40, consequentially reducing the contract price to \$319,668.00.

5. The Document contains Tummillo's agreement to provide for site preparation work and the building permit. No completion date was specified in the Document. In spite of the absence of any language to the effect in the Document, at its execution Tummillo claims she informed Elite that time was of the essence in the construction, that the horse stalls in the barn

Exhibit #2

were to be rented, and that if the project was not completed in a timely fashion, Tummillo would lose revenues due to her inability to rent the stalls for the 2008-9 season. Tummillo had the site work done in September and purchased the building permit on October 2, 2008. [Plf. Ex. 3]. Elite began work when the building permit was issued.

6. Drawings for the barn confirm the barn's exterior dimensions but are silent on the interior dimensions. [Plf. Ex. 2] It is not difficult to ascertain the interior dimensions by referring to Exhibits 1 and 2. The drawings provide for 10 groups of three stalls each in the main section, separated by 4 interior aisles allowing access to the stalls, with 2 aisles on each end. Two aisles run the length of the main structure. Building Specifications attached to Ex. 1 provide the aisle-ways to be 14 feet in width. Six total short aisles on the main section at 14 feet each amounts to 84 feet, leaving 120 feet to account for the 10 stalls [120 feet + 10 stalls = 12 feet/stall]. Two long aisles of 14 feet each on the main section amounts to 28 feet, leaving 36 feet to account for the rows of 3 stalls [36 feet + 3 stalls = 12 feet/stall]. I accept as credible and consistent with the plans Chris Key's explanation that the posts of each stall were placed at 12 feet on center and that interior dimensions of each would necessarily be smaller due to the diameter of the support posts and the thickness of the material used to construct the interior walls. I find Defendant Tummillo's expectancy of 144 interior square feet for each stall to be inconsistent with and contrary to the contract and plans.

7. Tummillo agreed to pay Elite the contract sum in four installments, or "draws": 30% due at signing; 30% due on completion of the roof; 30% due after completion of the exterior walls and; the balance "due when the job is completed, and be paid within 10 days of completion."

8. Tummillo paid Elite \$107,513.70 shortly after the contract was signed on July 24 and \$84,000 on November 24, 2008, for the first two draws, the latter taking into account the parties' amendment of the contract price.

9. In late December, 2008, Elite submitted a request for the third draw, informing Tumillo the exterior walls were completed. While photographic evidence is arguably contradictory on this issue, Chris Key's testimony on this issue is more credible than Mike Tummillo's. I find that the exterior walls were completed sufficiently to warrant a request for draw. To the extent that the walls were not fully completed, that which was to have been completed was so minor that it was of a "punch list" nature, which is taken into account

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hereinbelow. Tumillo refused to pay the third draw, citing several perceived problems with the construction, to-wit: the stalls in the barn were not built according to the contract and the exterior walls were not complete.

10. With the third draw not forthcoming, on January 5, 2009, Elite suspended work on the barn and informed Tumillo it would not complete work until the third draw was paid. Elite admits the job was 85% complete when it left the site. Since the draw was to have been based upon 90% completion, I find this more than accounts for the exterior walls.

11. Tumillo did not complain about the size of the stalls until after January 5. Only then did she assert that the interior measurements were not 12 feet x 12 feet.

12. With the exception of grill work and stall doors, all material, labor and skills itemized by Elite were furnished for and actually used in the construction of defendant's barn. Elite mitigated its damages by returning the stall doors for credit. Elite was unable to return the grill work and remains responsible for payment.

13. On the 13th day of February 2009, within ninety (90) days after the last labor was provided to Tumillo, Elite filed a Notice of Mechanic's Lien seeking \$126,160.37 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Aiken County. The claim for lien was verified by oath of the plaintiff before a notary public in and for said State of South Carolina, and that the verification under the hand and seal of the notary public was attached to and filed with mechanic's lien.

14. Elite filed its Summons, Complaint and Lis Pendens six (6) months after the expiration of time limited by law for filing plaintiff's claim for lien.

15. In spite of the filing of the Notice of Mechanic's Lien and service of the verified statement of account as required by law, Tumillo failed to pay Elite's claim and plaintiff seeks foreclosure of its mechanic's lien against defendants' property according to law.

16. Elite has retained the services of legal counsel and has incurred expenses amounting to \$13,650.18 in the pursuit of this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this action.

Tumillo breached her contract with Elite by failing to pay the third draw, or any portion thereof, as agreed upon in the Document, and as a result of the breach I conclude that Elite is entitled to damages; however, the sum claimed in the mechanics' lien is excessive.

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The initial contract amount was \$358,379 reduced to \$319,668 when the parties eliminated five stalls. Based upon Elite's admission that it had only completed 85% of the contract on January 5, 2009, the total amount Elite should have collected would have been \$271,717.80 [$\$319,668 \times 85\%$]. Since Elite had received \$191,513.70, the balance due on its claim is \$80,204.10. I conclude that Elite is not entitled to the 10% retainage, or lost profit or overhead. Zepso Construction, Inc. v. Radazzo, 357 S.C. 32, 591 S.E.2d 29 (Ct.App.2003). Interest shall accrue at the per diem rate allowed by law from the entry of judgment.

Tummillo argues Elite's leaving the job before completion is a breach, that Elite performed the contract in a deficient manner, and that the delay resulted in damages. Elite's departure from the job site before completion of the contract does not preclude it from recovering under the mechanic's lien statutes. *Id.*

Tummillo claims her damages from Elite's delay are due to Elite's late start of the contract and its failure to complete. Tummillo's position is based upon her assertion that the Document does not completely express the parties' intent.

A Court considering a case involving a contract must give effect to the intent of the parties as expressed by their written memorandum of their agreement. When a contract document is unambiguous, clear and explicit, it must be construed according to the terms the parties have used, to be taken and understood in their plain, ordinary and popular sense. C.A.N. v. South Carolina Health and Human Services, 296 S.C. 373, 373 S.E.2d 584 (1988).

The Document is clear in its terms. A combined reading of the Document, with its attached Specifications and the plans, indicates the stalls were to be built as 12 feet on center, not on interior dimensions. Had the parties intended for the stalls to have interior dimensions of 12 feet, the exterior perimeter would of necessity have had to measure larger than the Document provided.

Tummillo argues that even if the stall size was based upon center to center measurements, Elite's delay still made her lose money. When the contract does not include a provision that "time is of the essence," the law implies that it is to be done within a reasonable time. Faulkner v. Millar, 319 S.C. 216, 219, 460 S.E.2d 378, 380 (1995). Nothing within the four corners of the Document alludes to a completion date, nor is there a statement contained therein that states that time is of the essence. To the extent there was a delay, I conclude it was

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reasonable. Elite's commencement of construction was predicated on Tummillo's completion of site preparation and obtaining the building permit. Elite began construction as soon as it was legally able.

Elite claims Tummillo owes it \$23,590 for change orders and \$6,007.66 in late fees to the contract. There is no evidence that the change orders were approved by Dr. Tumillo. The vast majority of the work provided for in the change orders was not performed. Elite seeks recovery for these under the guise that it is its policy to bill for changes orders in advance. There is no support for any such recovery, and this portion of Elite's claim has no merit.

Since Elite did not finish the job, Elite is not entitled to the 10% retainage. Tumillo's claims for damage due to incomplete work, defective roof and other "punch list" items (Plf. Ex. 15) are covered by this discounted value and her claims for roof repairs and costs of completion cannot be recognized twice. I further conclude that Tummillo's claims for lost profits are unsupported by credible evidence, and are speculative, at best. Even so, the party who breaches first bears the liability for nonperformance. Silver v. Abstract Pools & Spas, Inc., 376 S.C. 585, 658 S.E.2d 539 (Cl.App.2008).

"The crucial requirement in lost profits determinations is that they be "established with reasonable certainty, for recovery cannot be had for profits that are conjectural or speculative." Drews Co., Inc. v. Ledwith-Wolfe Associates, Inc., 296 S.C. 207, 213, 371 S.E.2d 532, 535-6 (1988); quoting South Carolina Finance Corp. v. West Side Finance Co., 236 S.C. 109, 122, 113 S.E.2d 329, 335 (1960). "The proof must pass the realm of conjecture, speculation, or opinion not founded on facts, and must consist of actual facts from which a reasonably accurate conclusion regarding the cause and the amount of the loss can be logically and rationally drawn." Id.

Tummillo argues Elite's claim for a Five (5%) Percent late charge is spurious, relying upon language on the first page of the Document that provides for a late fee "if the amount due is not paid within ten days of completion". Tummillo argues that because the job was not complete, the late fee is not due. I agree and deny the claim for late fees.

I conclude, therefore, that Elite should have judgment of foreclosure of the mechanic's lien in the sum of \$80,204.10 and the property subject to the mechanic's lien described hereinabove should be ordered sold at public auction after due advertisement.

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The question then turns to whether either side is entitled to recover their attorneys' fees. Tummillo's obligation to pay attorneys' is not just established by statute, it is also contractual. In either event, however, the determination of the amount of attorneys' fees that should be awarded is vested in the sound discretion of the Court. Keeneys Metals Roofing, Inc. vs. Palmieri, 345 S.C.550, 548 S.E.2d 900 (Ct.App. 2001).

The court must take into account six (6) factors: (1) Nature and extent and difficulty of the case; (2) Time necessarily devoted to the case; (3) Professional standing of the counsel; (4) The contingency of compensation; (5) Beneficial results obtained; and (6) Customary legal fees for similar services. Regardless of the outcome, the Court has discretion in this regard.

In determining the award for attorneys' fees under SC Code, Ann. §29-5-110(a), an additional issue to consider is identifying the "prevailing party." This decision is based upon the verdict in the action. The party whose offer is closer to the verdict is deemed to be the prevailing party. Where no written offer of settlement is made, the amount prayed for in the complaint is considered Elite's offer of settlement. While Tummillo has pursued a counterclaim, no amount is pled in the pleading. Elite's has claimed a lien in the amount of \$126,160.37 and has been awarded \$80,204.10 - a difference of \$45,956.27. Defendant's claim for lost revenue is \$12,000 per month for 3 months and has been awarded nothing. I conclude that Elite is the prevailing party; however, I am unable to award fees and costs without further information.

Elite's counsel's affidavit does not specify the number of hours devoted to the pursuit of the case. Likewise, there is insufficient evidence in the record that allows me to consider the contingency of compensation or the customary legal fees charged on matters of this nature by other members of the Aiken County Bar. I therefore reserve making an award pending a full submission by counsel of the items necessary for me to make a decision supported by the law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. There is due to the Plaintiff on its mechanic's lien the sum of \$80,204.10 representing the total debt due Plaintiff, plus attorneys' fees and costs to be determined after notice to all parties and an opportunity to be heard.
2. The total amount due in the preceding paragraph shall constitute the total judgment debt due the Plaintiff and shall bear interest hereafter at the legal rate.
3. That the Defendant liable for the aforesaid mechanic lien debt shall on or before the date of sale of the property hereinafter described, pay to the Plaintiff, or Plaintiff's attorney,

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the amount of Plaintiff's debt as aforesaid, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

4. That on default of payment at or before the time herein indicated, the premises described in the Complaint, as hereinafter set forth, be sold by the undersigned Special Referee for Aiken County at Public Auction in the Master in Equity Courtroom at the Aiken County Courthouse, Aiken, South Carolina, on some convenient Sales Day hereafter (and should be the regular day of judicial sales fall on a legal holiday, then in such event, the Sales Day shall be on the Tuesday next succeeding such holiday), on the following terms, that is to say:
 - a. FOR CASH: The undersigned Special Referee will require a deposit of five percent (5%) on the amount of the bid (in cash or equivalent) same to be applied on the purchase price upon compliance with the bid, but in case of non-compliance within twenty (20) days same to be forfeited and applied to the costs and Plaintiff's debt.
 - b. The same shall be subject to the mortgage lien of Georgia Bank and Trust Company of Augusta, Georgia, taxes and assessments, existing easements and restriction, easement and restrictions of record, and any other senior encumbrances. Proceeds of sale shall not be paid to the prior lienholder.
 - c. Purchaser to pay for deed stamps and costs of recording the deed.
5. If Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the said sale, for a sum not exceeding the amount of costs, expenses, and the indebtedness of Plaintiff's indebtedness.
6. That the undersigned Special Referee will by advertisement according to law, give notice of the time and place of sale, and the terms thereof, and will execute to the Purchaser, or Purchasers, a deed to the premises sold. The Plaintiff, or any other party to this action, may become a Purchaser at such sale, and that is, upon such sale being made, the Purchaser, or Purchasers should fail to comply with the terms thereof within twenty (20) days after date of sale, then the undersigned Special Referee may advertise the said premises for sale on the next, or some other subsequent Sales Day, at the risk of the highest bidder, and so from time to time thereafter until a full compliance shall be secured.
7. That the undersigned Special Referee will apply the proceeds of sale as follows:

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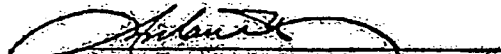
FIRST: to the payment of the amount of the costs and expenses of this action including any Guardian ad Litem fee or fees of attorneys appointed under Order of Court;

SECOND: to the payment to the Plaintiff's or Plaintiff's attorney, of the amount of Plaintiff's debt and interest or so much thereof as the purchase money will pay on same;

NEXT: any surplus will be held pending further Order of this Court.

8. It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that in the event the successful bidder is other than the Defendant in possession herein, the Sheriff of Aiken County is ordered and directed to eject and remove from the premises the occupant(s) of the property sold, together with all personal property located thereon, and put the successful bidder or his assigns in such peaceable possession.
9. And it is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Defendant named herein and all persons whosever claiming under him, her, them or it including but not limited to any title holder acquiring title subsequent to the filing of the Lis Pendens in this matter whether a party to this action or not be forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title, interest, and equity in redemption in the said premises so sold, or any part thereof.
10. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 30-9-31 (Supp. 1987), the deed of conveyance made pursuant to this sale shall be indexed in the grantor index by the Register of Mesne Conveyances in the name of the owner of record of subject property immediately prior to the execution of the deed, as well as in the name of the Special Referee for Aiken County, who executes such a deed as Grantor.
11. The undersigned Special Referee will retain jurisdiction to do all the necessary acts incident to this foreclosure, including but not limited to, the issuance of a Writ of Assistance and disposing of any surplus funds pursuant to Rule 71(c), SCRPC.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


J. Martin Harvey, Special Referee

Barnwell, South Carolina
September 5 2012

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AIKEN
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

FORM 4

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

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ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

DORIS E. TUBAILLO

PLAINTIFF(S)

GEORGIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF AUGUSTA
DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:

Attorney for: ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AIKEN

I, Liz Godard, Clerk of Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for Aiken County, South Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the original documents which have been filed in my office this

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CCCP & O.A., Aiken County, S.C.

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This judgment was entered on the 14 day of SEPTEMBER, 2012 and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this 14 day of Sept 2012 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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County of Aiken)

Elite Construction, Inc.,)

Plaintiff,)

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Defendants.)

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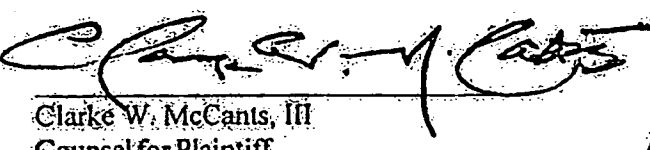
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COUNTY OF AIKEN
I, Liz Godard, Clerk of Court of Common Pleas and General
Sessions for Aiken County, South Carolina, do hereby certify
that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the
original documents which have been filed in my office this
12 day of July 2012
Liz Godard
C.C.P. & G.A., Aiken County, S.C.
Deputy Clerk
Angel Niles am

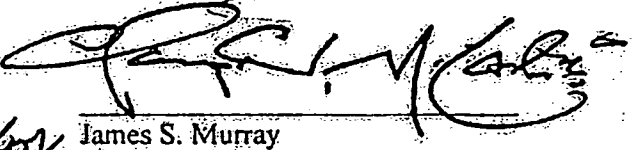
Upon motion of and with the consent of the Parties, it is hereby ordered that this matter be referred to James Martin Harvey, Esquire, for the purposes of hearing those claims and causes of action set forth in the Plaintiff's Complaint, those claims or defenses presented by the Defendants, and for entry of appropriate judgment.

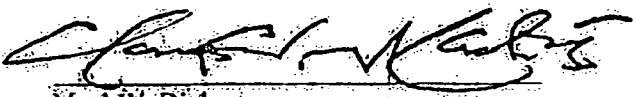
SO ORDERED.


The Honorable Doyet A. Early, III
Chief Administrative Judge
Second Judicial Circuit

WE SO MOVE AND CONSENT:


Clarke W. McCants, III
Counsel for Plaintiff


for James S. Murray
Counsel for Georgia Bank & Trust Co.
of Augusta


for Neal W. Dickert
Counsel for Doris E. Tummillo

FILED 11 July 2012
Liz Godard
C.C.P. & G.A.
10:00 Angel Niles am
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF AIKEN

Elite Construction, Inc

☒ Plaintiff

v.

Doris E. Tummillo And Georgia Bank And Trust
Company Of Augusta

☐ Defendant.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO.
2009-CP-02-958

MOTION AND ORDER INFORMATION
FORM AND COVER SHEET

Plaintiff's Attorney:
Clarks Mccants, Bar No.
Address:
P.O. Box 2881, Aiken, SC 29802-2881
phone: 803-649-6200 fax: 803-649-5566
e-mail: other:

Defendant's Attorney:
Neal W. Dickert, Bar No.
Address:
PO Box 1564, Augusta GA, 30903-1564
phone: fax:
e-mail: other:

- ☐ MOTION HEARING REQUESTED (attach written motion and complete SECTIONS I and III)
☐ FORM MOTION, NO HEARING REQUESTED (complete SECTIONS II and III)
☒ PROPOSED ORDER/CONSENT ORDER (complete SECTIONS II and III)

SECTION I: Hearing Information

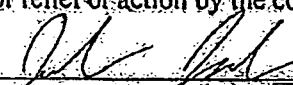
Nature of Motion: Order Of Reference

Estimated Time Needed: Court Reporter Needed: ☒ YES / ☐ NO

SECTION II: Motion/Order Type

- ☐ Written motion attached
☒ Form Motion/Order

I hereby move for relief or action by the court as set forth in the attached proposed order.

 FOR CLARKS MCCANTS
Signature of Attorney for ☒ Plaintiff / ☐ Defendant

Date submitted

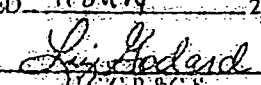
SECTION III: Motion Fee

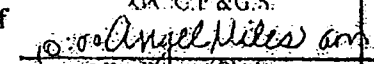
- ☒ PAID - AMOUNT: 25.00
☒ EXEMPT: ☐ Rule to Show Cause in Child or Spousal Support
(check reason) ☐ Domestic Abuse or Abuse and Neglect
☐ Indigent Status ☐ State Agency v. Indigent Party
☐ Sexually Violent Predator Act ☐ Post-Conviction Relief
☐ Motion for Stay in Bankruptcy
☐ Motion for Publication ☐ Motion for Execution (Rule 69, SCRCP)
☐ Proposed order submitted at request of the court; or,
reduced to writing from motion made in open court per judge's instructions

Name of Court Reporter:

☐ Other:

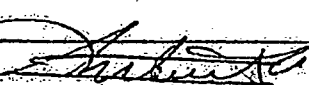
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CLERK OF COURT


Deputy Clerk

JUDGE'S SECTION

- ☐ Motion Fee to be paid upon filing of the attached order.
☐ Other:


JUDGE

CODE:

Date:

CLERK'S VERIFICATION

Collected by: am

Date Filed:

- ☒ MOTION FEE COLLECTED: \$ 25.00 CK # 20680
☐ CONTESTED - AMOUNT DUE: REC # 29537

Common Pleas

Clerk : Liz Godard
P O Box 583
Aiken, SC 29802
(803) 642-1715

DUPLICATE

Received From: McCants, Clarke W. III
PO Box 2881
Aiken, SC 298022881

Date: 7/11/2012
Receipt #: 29537
Clerk: c02awiley

Paying for: Elite Construction Inc.

Transaction Type: Payment

Reference #: 20680

Payment Type: Check

\$25.00

Comment:

Non-Refundable

Total Paid:

\$25.00

Case #	Caption	Previous Balance	Amount Paid	Balance Due
2009CP0200958	Elite Construction Inc VS Doris E Tumillo , defendant, et al	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00



Total Cases: 1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
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FORM 4

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AIKEN
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE
CASE NUMBER 2009CP0200958

Elite Construction Inc	Doris E Tumillo	Georgia Bank & Trust Company Of Georgia
PLAINTIFF(S)		DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:	Attorney for: ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant ☐ Self-Represented Litigant
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DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ JURY VERDICT. This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- ☒ DECISION BY THE COURT. This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ☐ ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON): ☐ Rule 12(b), SCRPC; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit);
☐ Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON): ☐ Rule 40(g), SCRPC; ☐ Bankruptcy;
☐ Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):
☐ Affirmed; ☐ Reversed; ☐ Remanded; ☐ Other: _____

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☒ See attached order, (formal order to follow) ☐ Statement of judgment by the Court:

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☐ ends ☐ does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk:

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX

Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.

Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)

If applicable, describe the property, including tax map information and address, referenced in the order:

The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details.

	7/12/2012	Date
Circuit Court Judge	Judge Code	

For Clerk of Court Office Use Only

This judgment was entered on 14th day of July 2012, and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on 12th day of July 2012, to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

Clarke W. McCants III PO Box 2881 Aiken, SC 298022881

Marty Harvey

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

James Samuel Murray PO Box 1495 Augusta, GA

309031495

Neal W. Dickert PO Box 1564 Augusta, GA 309031564

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

Liz Godard by Angel Miles

Liz Godard - Clerk of Court

Court Reporter

State of South Carolina)
County of Aiken)

In the Register of Mesne Conveyances

Elite Construction, Inc.,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
Doris E. Tummlillo,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE AND CERTIFICATE
OF MECHANIC'S LIEN

2009003619
MECHANICS LIEN
RECORDING FEES \$10.00
PRESENTED & RECORDED
02-13-2009 11:15 AM
JUDITH WARNER
REGISTER OF MESNE CONVEYANCES
AIKEN COUNTY, SC
BY: LYNN STEUBRIDGE DEPUTY
ML - 09-458

TO DORIS E. TUMMILLO (hereinafter "Owner"):

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff, Elite Construction, Inc., is owed the sum of \$126,160.39, plus interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, from Doris E. Tummlillo, as set forth in the attached Verified Statement of Account (Exhibit "A") and hereby claims a mechanic's lien upon and against any interest of the Owner in the real property hereinafter described, together with the interest of any and all other persons having actual or record notice hereof, to the full extent permitted by law.

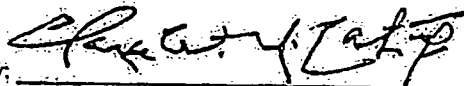
The debt above described is due and owing to Elite Construction, Inc. for labor performed and materials furnished and actually used in the erection, alteration, or improvement to buildings or structures situated on, or otherwise improving, the real property known as 4201 Shiloh Church Road, located in Aiken County, South Carolina, and being more fully described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto, for said Owner, and /or said debt is due because such improvements have been authorized by the Owner, as indicated by Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference. Elite

EXHIBIT B

Construction, Inc., by and through its authorized agents, last labored on, or furnished labor and materials for, such buildings, property, structures or improvements on or about January 5, 2009.

By virtue of the foregoing, by the service and filing of this Notice and Certificate of Mechanic's Lien, and pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 29-5-10 (1976), and other applicable law and regulation, Elite Construction, Inc. has and claims a lien against the real property described in Exhibit "B", to secure payment of the debt so due, together with the costs of enforcing and / or foreclosing the lien claimed herein, including a reasonable attorney's fee, and as provided by the laws of the State of South Carolina.

NANCE, MCCANTS & MASSEY

By: 

Clarke W. McCants, III
218 Newberry St., SW
P.O. Box 2881
Aiken, S.C. 29802
(803)649-6200 x21
Counsel for Elite Construction, Inc.

Dated: February 13, 2009

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

This is a true and verified statement of the account of Doris E. Tummillo, which is owed to Elite Construction, Inc. The principal balance on the above-referenced account, as of the date hereof, is \$126,160.37, plus interest, costs and a reasonable attorney's fee, and as more fully set forth below:

Contract Price	\$358,379.00
Contract Deletion	- \$ 38,115.00
Payments	-\$191,513.70
75% of Total	\$ 96,562.73
Change Orders	\$ 23,590.00
5% Late Charge	\$ 6007.64
TOTAL DUE:	\$126,160.37

Personally appeared before me, Christopher Key, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that this is a just and true statement of the said account, and no part thereof has been paid by discount or otherwise.

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

By: Christopher Key
Christopher Key
Its: Owner

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this
13th day of February, 2009.

Ledie R. Smith (SEAL)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires: _____

My Commission Expires
February 25, 2016

Exhibit "A"

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, containing 123.559 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described upon a plat prepared by W. J. Webb, PLS, for Doris E. Tummillo, dated June 20, 2008 and recorded on October 28, 2008 in Plat Book 54, at page 229, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Aiken County, South Carolina. Reference being made hereby to aforementioned plat for a more complete and accurate description as to metes, boundaries, and location of subject property.

This being a portion of the same property conveyed to Tummekki, LLC by deed of Aiken Land and Timber, LLC dated October 22, 2003 and recorded on October 30, 2003 in Deed Book 2367, at page 103, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Aiken County, South Carolina

Tax Parcel No.: 101-00-02-002

Exhibit "B"

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF AIKEN

Elite Construction, Inc.,

Plaintiff(s)

vs.

Doris E. Tumillo and Georgia Bank and Trust
Company of Augusta,

Defendant(s)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CIVIL ACTION COVERSHEET

09-CP - 02-00958

(Please Print)

Submitted By: Clarke W. McCants, III

Address: P. O. Box 2881
Aiken, SC 29802

SC Bar #: 3725

Telephone #: 649-6200, ext. 21

Fax #: 649-5566

Other:

E-mail: mccants3rd@aol.com

NOTE: The coversheet and information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of docketing. It must be filled out completely, signed, and dated. A copy of this cover sheet must be served on the defendant(s) along with the Summons and Complaint.

DOCKETING INFORMATION (Check all that apply)

*If Action is Judgment/Settlement do not complete

- ☐ JURY TRIAL demanded in complaint ☒ NON-JURY TRIAL demanded in complaint.
☐ This case is subject to ARBITRATION pursuant to the Court Annexed Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules.
☐ This case is subject to MEDIATION pursuant to the Court Annexed Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules.
☐ This case is exempt from ADR. (Proof of ADR/Exemption Attached)

NATURE OF ACTION (Check One Box Below)

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| ☐ Contracts
☐ Construction (100)
☐ Debt Collection (110)
☐ Employment (120)
☐ General (130)
☒ Breach of Contract (140)
☐ Other (199) | ☐ Torts - Professional Malpractice
☐ Dental Malpractice (200)
☐ Legal Malpractice (210)
☐ Medical Malpractice (220)
☐ Notice/File Med Mal (230)
☐ Other (299) | ☐ Torts - Personal Injury
☐ Assault/Slander/Libel (300)
☐ Conversion (310)
☐ Motor Vehicle Accidents (320)
☐ Premises Liability (330)
☐ Products Liability (340)
☐ Personal Injury (350)
☐ Wrongful Death (360)
☐ Other (399) | ☐ Real Property
☐ Chain & Delivery (400)
☐ Condemnation (410)
☐ Foreclosure (420)
☒ Mechanic's Lien (430)
☐ Partition (440)
☐ Possession (450)
☐ Building Code Violation (460)
☐ Other (499) |
| ☐ Inmate Petitions
☐ PCR (500)
☐ Mandamus (520)
☐ Habeas Corpus (530)
☐ Other (599) | ☐ Judgments/Settlements
☐ Debt Settlement (700)
☐ Foreign Judgment (710)
☐ Magistrate's Judgment (720)
☐ Minor Settlement (730)
☐ Transfer Judgment (740)
☐ Lit Pending (750)
☐ Transfer of Settlement
Settlement Payment Rights
Application (760)
☐ Other (799) | ☐ Administrative Law/Relief
☐ Reinstatement Driver's License (800)
☐ Judicial Review (810)
☐ Relief (820)
☐ Permanent Injunction (830)
☐ Foreclosure-Petition (840)
☐ Forfeiture - Consent Order (850)
☐ Other (899) | ☐ Appeals
☐ Arbitration (900)
☐ Magistrate-Civil (910)
☐ Magistrate-Criminal (920)
☐ Municipal (930)
☐ Probate Court (940)
☐ SCDOT (950)
☐ Worker's Comp (960)
☐ Zoning Board (970)
☐ Administrative Law Judge (980)
☐ Public Service Commission (990)
☐ Employment Security Comm (991)
☐ Other (999) |
| ☐ Special/Complex/Other
☐ Environmental (600)
☐ Automobile Acc. (610)
☐ Medical (620)
☐ Other (699) | ☐ Pharmaceuticals (630)
☐ Unfair Trade Practices (640)
☐ Out-of-State Depositors (650)
☐ Sexual Predator (660) | | |

Submitting Party Signature: _____

Date: MAY 11 2009

Note: Frivolous civil proceedings may be subject to sanctions pursuant to SCRCP, Rule 11, and the Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act, S.C. Code Ann. §15-36-10 et. seq.

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State of South Carolina)
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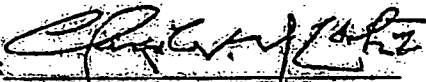
In the Court of Common Pleas

Civil Action No.: 2009-CP-02-10954

SUMMONS
(Breach of Contract)
(Mechanic's Lien Foreclosure)
(Non-Jury)

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of the Answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber at his office at 218 Newberry Street S.W., (P.O. Box 2881), Aiken, SC 29802, within thirty days after service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time before said, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NANGE, MCCANTS & MASSEY

By: 
Clarke W. McCants, III, Esquire
P.O. Box 2881
Aiken, SC 29802-2881
(803) 649-6200
Counsel for Plaintiff

Dated: May 1, 2009

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AIKEN COUNTY

State of South Carolina)
County of Aiken)
Elite Construction, Inc.,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
Doris E. Tummillo and)
Georgia Bank and Trust Company)
of Augusta,)
Defendants.)

In the Court of Common Pleas

Civil Action No.: 2009-CP-02-00958

COMPLAINT
(Breach of Contract)
(Mechanic's Lien Foreclosure)
(Non-Jury)

COMES NOW THE PLAINTIFF and respectfully shows unto the Court:

FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

1. The Plaintiff is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of South Carolina.

2. The Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, upon information and belief, is a resident of Aiken County, South Carolina and owns real property located in the County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, commonly known as 4201 Shiloh Church Road, Aiken, South Carolina, 29801, and as more fully described below.

3. The Defendant Georgia Bank and Trust Company of Augusta is a banking institution organized and existing under the laws of one of the United States of America and transacts business in Aiken County, South Carolina. Said Defendant is named in this civil action to the extent that it may claim an interest in said property by virtue of a mortgage given by the Defendant Tummillo dated January 9, 2009, recorded in Mortgage Book 4236, Page 1820, Office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Aiken County, South Carolina.

4. On or about July 16, 2008 the Parties entered into a contract whereby the Plaintiff

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AIKEN COUNTY
CLERK OF COURT

agreed to provide certain construction services upon the subject property, including labor and materials, and the Defendant agreed to pay for such services, and as more fully set forth in the Parties' agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

5. The Plaintiff has complied with the terms and provisions of the Parties' agreement.

6. Despite proper demand the Defendant Tummillo has failed and refused to provide payment to the Plaintiff pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Parties' agreement and in breach of said agreement.

7. The Plaintiff has sustained certain actual damages as a result of the Defendant Tummillo's breach of the Parties' contract.

8. The Plaintiff is informed and believes that it is entitled to judgment against the Defendant Tummillo for such actual damages and payment of the costs and expenses of this civil action.

FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

9. The Plaintiff realleges those matters set forth in Paragraphs 1-8 above.

10. The Plaintiff last performed work upon the subject property on January 5, 2009.

11. On February 13, 2009 the Plaintiff caused a mechanic's lien, Exhibit "B" attached hereto, to be filed against the subject property of the Defendant Tummillo, commonly known as 4201 Shiloh Church Road, Aiken, South Carolina, 29801, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, containing 123.559 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described upon a plat prepared by W. J. Webb, PLS, for Doris E. Tummillo, dated June 20, 2008 and recorded on October 28, 2008 in Plat Book 54, at page 229, in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina. Reference being made hereby to aforementioned plat for a more complete and accurate description as to metes, boundaries, and location of subject property.

This being a portion of the same property conveyed to Doris E. Tummllo by quitclaim deed of Tummekki, LLC dated November 27, 2008 and recorded on December 3, 2008 in Record Book 4231, at page 2080, in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina.

Aiken County Tax Parcel No.: 101-00-02-002 (portion of)

12. The Plaintiff is informed and believes that it is entitled to judgment and foreclosure of its lien pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 29-5-10 (1976), et seq.

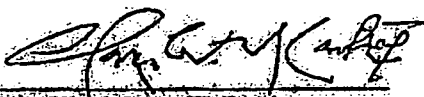
13. Pursuant to applicable law the Plaintiff is entitled to recovery of reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses as part of this matter.

14. Pursuant to applicable law the Plaintiff is entitled to recovery of pre-judgment interest as part of this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendant Tummllo for actual damages and the costs and expenses of this matter; the Plaintiff further prays this Court issue its order and judgment of foreclosure and sale of the of the subject property for purposes of satisfaction of the mechanic's lien set forth herein, determining the rights, responsibilities and priorities of those parties having interests in the subject property, awarding the Plaintiff attorney's fees, costs and expenses in this matter as well as such further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

NANCE, MCCANTS & MASSEY

By:



Clarke W. McCants, III, Esquire
P.O. Box 2881
Aiken, South Carolina 29802-2881
Telephone (803) 649-6200
Counsel for Plaintiff

Dated: May 1, 2009

ELITE
CONSTRUCTION, INC.

PURCHASE CONTRACT

EXHIBIT A

Name Doris Tumillo Date 7-16-08
Address Shiloh Church Road State, Zip S.C.
Directions to Site _____

Building Use Barn Building Size W 64' L 204' H 10'
Wall Color _____ Gable _____ Roof _____ Trim _____ Doors _____
Power on site? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Miscellaneous Building has three 72' long by 24' wide extensions with five stalls centered in each. Building permitted will be provided by Elite Construction. Electrical, plumbing, and two coats of polyurethane will be included in the price.

Building permit - Grading - Fill furnishing by owner unless specified.
We shall furnish all labor and material as described above and in accordance with the specifications and conditions shown on reverse side of this contract unless otherwise specified.

Total Contract \$358,379.00

Financing by _____

Terms _____

30% of total cost of project due upon signing.
30% of total cost of project due after roof completion.
30% of total cost of project due after exterior walls completed.
10% of total cost will be due when job is completed, and be paid within 10 days of completion.
If amount due is not paid within 10 days of completion, there will be a 5% late charge added to the total.
Any change orders shall be in writing and approved by the builder.

Amount due at signing \$107,513.70 30%
Amount due after roof completion \$107,513.70 30%
Amount due at completion of exterior walls \$107,513.70 30%
Amount due at completion of job \$35,837.90 10%

Buyer

Tumillo
Printed Name

[Signature]
Signed Name

Elite Construction Representative

Chris Key
Printed Name

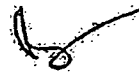
Chris Key
Signed Name

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS CUSTOM POLE BUILDINGS

1. Foundation columns and corner lumber which comes in contact with the ground will be pressure treated to resist rot, decay and insect damage.
2. Standard spacing of side wall columns is 10' on center.
3. Truss lumber will be stress rated 1500 F.
4. Each building will have pressure treated splash boards at the bottom of the wall.
5. Truss designs are by licensed professional engineers and are certified as to load capacity. Standard spacing is 10' on center.
6. All trusses to be bolted as well as spiked into wall columns.
7. Hardware items such as door track, hinges, bolts, connector plates, door handles, hooks, etc., will be plated with zinc or equal.
8. Minor changes, which would not adversely affect the strength or appearance, may be made without notification.
9. Walls of this building are not designed to withstand the lateral loads imposed by the contact storage of bulk goods, such as fertilizer, grain, chopped or baled hay, or any loads that tend to settle or spread in storage.
10. All untreated lumber on the building exterior will be covered with pre-formed moldings.
11. Guarantee on pressure treated wood, workmanship and material becomes effective upon full payment of invoice. Craftsmanship and all other materials not covered under any other warranties will be covered for six months after completion date of the job.

TERMS OF SALE

1. Building will be Custom Structure and will be erected according to the above specifications. Builder will furnish all materials, labor and supervision for the building, but will not perform, furnish or install any electrical wiring, plumbing, heating, painting, glazing, concrete work, grading or filling, unless otherwise specified.
2. A service charge of 5% per month shall accrue to all accounts more than 30 days past invoice date. Should it be necessary to force collection of any monies due under this agreement, buyer shall be liable for service charges and reasonable attorney fees.
3. Buyer agrees to insure building for the amount of the contract price with the following coverage: fire, lightning, windstorm and hail. Such coverage is to be put into effect on date material is delivered to site and will remain in effect until contract price has been paid in full. The risk of any such casualty is assumed by the owner. In the event of loss, payment will be made to the owner and/or builder as their interests may appear.
4. Builder will carry adequate insurance to protect owner against any negligence by builder or his workmen.
5. Builder will carry workers' compensation on all workmen he employs on the job.
6. Builder is responsible for obtaining any required building permits prior to erection.
7. If possible, buyer will be at the building site at the start and finish of construction.
8. Buyer is responsible for and agrees to clear and level building site prior to scheduled date of erection. Leveling shall be performed so the site will not vary more than 6 inches from high to low points.
9. Buyer and Builder assume that the building site is free from underground obstructions. Where rock, stumps, concrete or other unforeseen obstruction hinder digging holes for foundation columns, a charge will be made in accordance with additional time required. The builder reserves the right to decline jobs where underground obstructions are too severe, unless buyer can have site prepared.
10. Builder is not responsible for damage to underground utilities, such as tile, water lines, electric lines, etc.
11. Certain construction items such as ventilators, roof hatches, eave troughs, doors, windows, etc., are to be installed in a workmanlike manner in proper adjustment. However, such items are not sold with the understanding that they will never leak or need adjustment. This future maintenance and adjustment is the responsibility of the buyer.
12. If buyer or his agent requests change from specifications, any extra costs for such changes will be added to the purchase price.
13. This agreement is subject to verification by office of the builder.
14. This quotation is automatically withdrawn and is void after 30 days.
15. Occupancy or use of the building by purchase before completion will constitute acceptance of the building and payment in full is required at that time.



Building Specifications

Size

1. Length 204'
2. Width 64'
3. Overhang N/A
4. Other (3) 24' x 72' wings

Concrete and Insulation

1. Aisle way 14'
2. Aprons N/A
3. Bags N/A
4. Insulation Roof
5. Other _____

Color and Material

1. Roof 40-yr. Ag. panel
2. Exterior Walls 40-yr. Ag. panel (where applicable)
3. Stalls T&G
4. Bars (will be included in change order)
5. Doors Double Dutch 4' x 4' wood with cross bucks
6. Windows Dutch 4' x 4' wood with cross bucks
7. Interior Walls T&G
8. Other _____

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Exterior

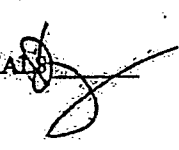
1. Cupolas N/A
2. Windows N/A
3. Doors N/A
4. Sky Lights 24" ridge
5. Front Posts N/A
6. Hydrants N/A
7. Other _____

Interior

1. Hydrants 9 frost freeze
2. Water Heaters N/A
3. Washer/Dryer N/A
4. Other _____

Stalls

1. Automatic Water Dispensers N/A
2. Feeder N/A
3. Mats N/A
4. Fans 45
5. Cribbing/Metal Yes
6. Doors 4' x 4' Wooden Ditch with cross bucks
7. Divider Grill Work (will be included in change order)
8. Aisle Way Grill Work (will be included in change order)
9. Other _____

INITIALS 

State of South Carolina)
County of Aiken)

In the Register of Mesne Conveyances

Elite Construction, Inc.,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
Doris E. Tummillo,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE AND CERTIFICATE
OF MECHANIC'S LIEN

2009003619
MECHANICS LIEN
RECORDING FEES \$10.00
PRESENTED & RECORDED
02-13-2009 11:15 AM
JUDITH WARNER
REGISTER OF MESNE CONVEYANCES
Aiken County, SC
BY: LYNN STEMBRIDGE DEPUTY
ML - 09-458

TO DORIS E. TUMMILLO (hereinafter "Owner"):

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff, Elite Construction, Inc., is owed the sum of \$126,160.39, plus interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, from Doris E. Tummillo, as set forth in the attached Verified Statement of Account (Exhibit "A") and hereby claims a mechanic's lien upon and against any interest of the Owner in the real property hereinafter described, together with the interest of any and all other persons having actual or record notice hereof, to the full extent permitted by law.

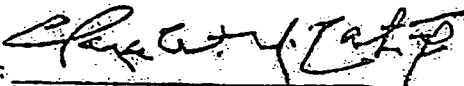
The debt above described is due and owing to Elite Construction, Inc. for labor performed and materials furnished and actually used in the erection, alteration, or improvement to buildings or structures situated on, or otherwise improving, the real property known as 4201 Shiloh Church Road, located in Aiken County, South Carolina, and being more fully described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto, for said Owner, and/or said debt is due because such improvements have been authorized by the Owner, as indicated by Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference. Elite

EXHIBIT B

Construction, Inc., by and through its authorized agents, last labored on, or furnished labor and materials for, such buildings, property, structures or improvements on or about January 5, 2009.

By virtue of the foregoing, by the service and filing of this Notice and Certificate of Mechanic's Lien, and pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 29-5-10 (1976), and other applicable law and regulation, Elite Construction, Inc. has and claims a lien against the real property described in Exhibit "B", to secure payment of the debt so due, together with the costs of enforcing and / or foreclosing the lien claimed herein, including a reasonable attorney's fee, and as provided by the laws of the State of South Carolina.

NANCOR, MCCANTS & MASSEY

By: 

Clarke W. McCants, III
218 Newberry St., SW
P.O. Box 2881
Aiken, S.C. 29802
(803) 649-6200 x21
Counsel for Elite Construction, Inc.

Dated: February 13, 2009

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

This is a true and verified statement of the account of Doris E. Tummillo, which is owed to Elite Construction, Inc. The principal balance on the above-referenced account, as of the date hereof, is \$126,160.37, plus interest, costs and a reasonable attorney's fee, and as more fully set forth below:

Contract Price	\$358,379.00
Contract Deletion	- \$38,115.00
Payments	-\$191,513.70
75% of Total	\$ 96,562.73
Change Orders	\$ 23,590.00
5% Late Charge	\$ 6007.64
TOTAL DUE:	\$126,160.37

Personally appeared before me, Christopher Key, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that this is a just and true statement of the said account, and no part thereof has been paid by discount or otherwise.

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

By: Christopher Key
Christopher Key
Its Owner

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this
13th day of February, 2009.

Leticia R. Smith (SEAL)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires: _____

My Commission Expires
February 25, 2018

Exhibit "A"

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, containing 123.559 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described upon a plat prepared by W. J. Webb, PLS, for Doris E. Tummillo, dated June 20, 2008 and recorded on October 28, 2008 in Plat Book 54, at page 229, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Aiken County, South Carolina. Reference being made hereby to aforementioned plat for a more complete and accurate description as to metes, boundaries, and location of subject property.

This being a portion of the same property conveyed to Tunimekki, LLC by deed of Aiken Land and Timber, LLC dated October 22, 2003 and recorded on October 30, 2003 in Deed Book 2367, at page 103, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Aiken County, South Carolina

Tax Parcel No.: 101-00-02-002

Exhibit "B"

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF AIKEN) C/A No. 2009-CP-02-000958

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.)

Plaintiff)

vs.)

ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM

DORIS E. TUMMILLO,)

First Defendant)

and)

GEORGIA BANK AND TRUST)
COMPANY OF AUGUSTA,)

Second Defendant.)

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CLERK OF COURT

Now comes the Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, and files her answer and counterclaim to the Plaintiff's complaint in the above case as follows.

FIRST DEFENSE

The Plaintiff has waived its right, if any, to the relief requested in the complaint by failing to complete the contract in accordance with the agreement of the parties.

SECOND DEFENSE

The Plaintiff is estopped to assert the relief requested in the complaint in that the Plaintiff has failed to complete the contract in accordance with the agreement of the parties.

THIRD DEFENSE

The Plaintiff abandoned the contract forcing the Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, to incur expenses above the amount of any sums that the Plaintiff might otherwise be entitled to recover.

FOURTH DEFENSE

In responding to the specific allegations of the Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, shows the following:

1. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph numbered one (1) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

2. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, admits the allegations contained in paragraph numbered two (2) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

3. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, admits the allegations contained in paragraph numbered three (3) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

4. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, admits the allegations contained in paragraph numbered four (4) of the Plaintiff's complaint, but further alleges that the agreement attached as Exhibit "A" to the complaint was amended and or modified orally by the parties, to include certain provisions that differ from those set forth in this document.

5. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, denies the allegations contained in paragraph numbered five (5) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

6. The Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo denies the allegations contained in paragraph numbered six (6) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

7. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo denies the allegations contained in paragraph numbered seven (7) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

8. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo denies the allegations contained in paragraph numbered eight (8) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

9. In response to the allegations contained in paragraph numbered nine (9), Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo restates her responses to paragraphs one (1) through eight (8) as fully as if restated herein.

10. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, admits the allegations contained in paragraph numbered ten (10) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

11. In response to the allegations contained in paragraph numbered eleven (11), the Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, admits the Plaintiff filed the lien as alleged, but further avers that the Plaintiff is not entitled to assert the lien filed as referenced in this paragraph.

12. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo denies the allegations contained in paragraph numbered twelve (12) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

13. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo denies the allegations contained in paragraph numbered thirteen (13) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

14. Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo denies the allegations contained in paragraph numbered fourteen (14) of the Plaintiff's complaint.

COUNTERCLAIM

1. The Plaintiff and Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, entered into a contract under the terms of which the Plaintiff was to complete a horse barn for the Defendant on her property located at 4201 Shiloh Church Road, Aiken County, South Carolina.

2. The Plaintiff was advised that time was of the essence in this contract and that the horse stalls constructed in the barn would be rented, and that if the project were not completed in a timely fashion, Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, would lose revenues and the ability to rent these stalls for the 2008 season.

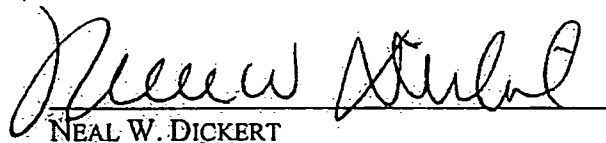
3. The Plaintiff abandoned the job prior to completion. The Plaintiff failed to complete its contractual obligations to the Defendant and performed the contract in a deficient manner. The Plaintiff's breach also delayed ultimate completion of the project. As a result of the breaches of contract, Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, had to make other arrangements to complete the facility which the Plaintiff agreed to perform and has incurred expenses and damages in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact.

4. As a result of the delay in the completion of the project, Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, has also suffered consequential damages from lost rental in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays:

- (a) That the Plaintiff's complaint be dismissed with all costs assessed against the Plaintiff; and
- (b) That the Plaintiff recover nothing from Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, and that this Defendant be entitled to a judgment on her counterclaim for the damages due

from the Plaintiff's breach of contract in an amount to be determined by the trier
of fact.



NEAL W. DICKERT

South Carolina Bar No: 001680

PAUL K. SIMONS, JR.

South Carolina Bar No: 076883

Attorneys for Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo

Of Counsel:

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF AIKEN) C/A No. 2009-CP-02-000958

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.)
Plaintiff)

vs.)

DORIS E. TUMMILLO,)
First Defendant)

and)

GEORGIA BANK AND TRUST)
COMPANY OF AUGUSTA,)
Second Defendant.)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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AIKEN COUNTY
CLERK OF COURT

I certify that, on this date, I served a copy of the *Answer and Counterclaim of Doris E. Tummillo* in this action by:

- ☐ Delivering it to him/her personally; or,
- ☒ Mailing it to him/her at his/her last known address, by depositing it in the U.S. Mail, in an envelope with sufficient postage thereon, addressed as follows:

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Aiken, South Carolina 29802-2881
Attorney for Plaintiff

Mr. James S. ("Jeb") Murray
Warlick Tritt Stebbins & Murray
P. O. Box 1495
Augusta, Georgia 30903-1495
Attorney for 2nd Defendant

☐ Other:

May 29, 2009
(Date)

Neal W. Bickert
Neal W. Bickert
South Carolina Bar No: 1680
Attorney for Defendant,
Doris E. Tummillo

State of South Carolina	)	
	)	In the Court of Common Pleas
County of Aiken	)	
	)	
Elite Construction, Inc.,	)	Civil Action No.: 2009-CP-02-
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	REPLY TO COUNTERCLAIM
	)	(Jury Trial Requested)
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Doris E. Tummillo and	)	
Georgia Bank and Trust Company	)	
of Augusta,	)	
Defendants.	)	

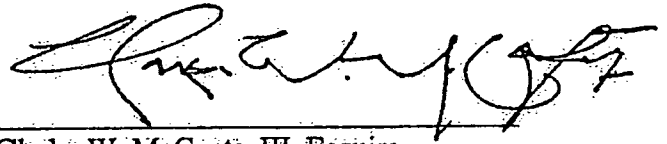
COMES NOW THE PLAINTIFF and replies to the Defendant Tummillo's Counterclaim, as follows:

1. The Plaintiff denies each and every allegation set forth in the Counterclaim which is not hereinafter specifically admitted or to which a response is not otherwise provided.
2. The Plaintiff realleges those matters set forth in its Summons and Complaint for this matter.
3. With regard to the allegations set forth in Paragraph 1 of the Counterclaim the Plaintiff admits that the Parties entered into agreement, and respectfully requests that the Court make reference to said agreement for the terms and provisions thereof.
4. The Plaintiff denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 2 of the Counterclaim, as alleged.
5. The Plaintiff denies the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Counterclaim.
6. The Plaintiff requests a jury trial as to those allegations set forth in the

Counterclaim for this matter.

Wherefore, having fully replied to the Counterclaim the Plaintiff prays that the Counterclaim be dismissed and the Plaintiff be granted judgment as set forth in its Complaint.

NANCE, MCCANTS & MASSEY

By: 

Clarke W. McCants, III, Esquire

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Telephone (803) 649-6200

Counsel for Plaintiff

Dated: June 29, 2009

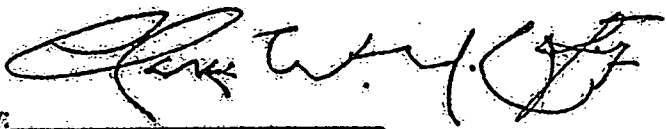
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE this date served a copy of the within and attached document(s) upon the following by First Class mail with sufficient postage affixed thereto to insure proper delivery:

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Augusta, GA 30903-1564

James S. Murray, Esquire
Warlick Tritt Stebbins & Hall, LLC
P. O. Box 1495
Augusta, GA 30903

NANCE, MCCANTS & MASSEY

By: 

Clarke W. McCants, III, Esquire
P. O. Box 2881
Aiken, SC 29802-2881
(803) 649-6200

Dated: June 29, 2009

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF AIKEN

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Plaintiff,

vs.

DORIS E. TUMMILLO and
GEORGIA BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY OF GEORGIA

Defendants.

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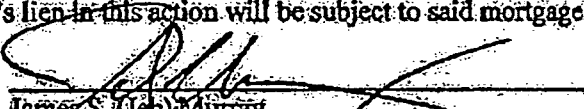
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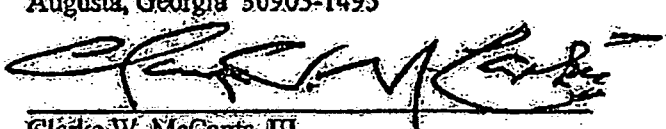
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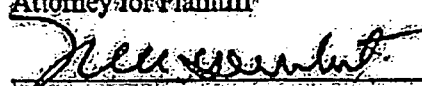
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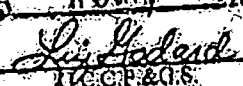
All Parties stipulate that Georgia Bank and Trust Company of Georgia's mortgage,
recorded on January 9, 2009, affecting the real estate at issue in this matter, is superior in priority
to Plaintiff's materialman's lien, recorded on February 13, 2009. Any sale of the subject
property pursuant to foreclosure of Plaintiff's lien in this action will be subject to said mortgage.

July 6, 2012


James S. (Jeb) Murray
Attorney for Defendant Georgia Bank & Trust
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Augusta, Georgia 30903-1495


Clarke W. McCants, III
Nance, McCants & Massey
P.O. Box 2881
Aiken, SC 29802-2881
Attorney for Plaintiff


Neal Dickert
Hull Barrett
P.O. Box 1564
Augusta, GA 30903-1564
Attorney for Doris Tummillo

11 July 2012

U.C.P. & C.S.
4:45 pm
Angel Miles - am
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF AIKEN

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

☐ Plaintiff

v.

Doris E. Tummillo, Et Al.

☒ Defendant.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO.

2009-CP-02-0958

MOTION AND ORDER INFORMATION
FORM AND COVER SHEET

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Address:

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South Carolina; 29802-2881.

phone: fax:

e-mail: other:

Defendant's Attorney:

Neal W. Dickert, Bar No. 1680

Address:

Hull Barrett, PC; P. O. Box 1564; Augusta, Georgia;
30903-1564.

phone: (706) 722-4481 fax: (706) 722-9779

e-mail: ndickert@hullbarrett.com other:

☐ MOTION HEARING REQUESTED (attach written motion and complete SECTIONS I and III)

☒ FORM MOTION, NO HEARING REQUESTED (complete SECTIONS II and III)

☐ PROPOSED ORDER/CONSENT ORDER (complete SECTIONS II and III)

SECTION I: Hearing Information

Nature of Motion:

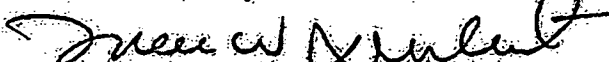
Estimated Time Needed: Court Reporter Needed: ☐ YES / ☐ NO

SECTION II: Motion/Order Type

☒ Written motion attached

☐ Form Motion/Order

I hereby move for relief or action by the court as set forth in the attached proposed order.


Signature of Attorney for ☐ Plaintiff / ☒ Defendant

September 24, 2012

Date submitted

SECTION III: Motion Fee

☒ PAID - AMOUNT: \$25.00

☐ EXEMPT: ☐ Rule to Show Cause in Child or Spousal Support

(check reason) ☐ Domestic Abuse or Abuse and Neglect

☐ Indigent Status ☐ State Agency v. Indigent Party

☐ Sexually Violent Predator Act ☐ Post-Conviction Relief

☐ Motion for Stay in Bankruptcy

☐ Motion for Publication ☐ Motion for Execution (Rule 69, SCRPC)

☐ Proposed order submitted at request of the court, or,
reduced to writing from motion made in open court per judge's instructions

Name of Court Reporter:

☐ Other:

JUDGE'S SECTION

☐ Motion Fee to be paid upon filing of the attached
order.

☐ Other:

JUDGE

CODE:

Date:

CLERK'S VERIFICATION

Collected by: _____

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☐ MOTION FEE COLLECTED: _____

☐ CONTESTED - AMOUNT DUE: _____

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AIKEN COUNTY
CLERK OF COURT

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF AIKEN

C/A No. 2009-CP-02-000958

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.)
Plaintiff)

VS.)

MOTION TO AMEND JUDGMENT

DORIS E. TUMMILLO,
First Defendant

and

GEORGIA BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY OF AUGUSTA,
Second Defendant.

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AIKEN COUNTY
CLERK OF COURT

Now comes the Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo, and moves this Court for an order amending the judgment filed on September 13, 2012, in accordance with Rule 52(b) of the S.C.R.C.P., and in support thereof states the following:

1. The Defendant moves to reduce the Plaintiff's judgment to reflect the deficiencies in the stall size.

The evidence was insufficient for the Court to make a finding that the Defendant was not entitled to any set-off or reduction for the Plaintiff's failure to provide stalls of the size required by the contract. The Defendant contended the contract required stalls 12' x 12', measured from the interior walls of the stalls. The Court found, as the Plaintiff contended, that the contract required the stall size to be measured from center post to center post and not interior stall space. The uncontroverted evidence revealed that over one-half (1/2) of the stalls did not meet the requirement, as found by the Court. The uncontroverted evidence revealed that the reduction, even accepting the findings of the Court, was at least six (6%) percent less than that provided for by the contract. The judgment should be amended to afford some credit to the Defendant.

2. The Defendant moves to amend the judgment to afford some remedy on the Defendant's counterclaim.

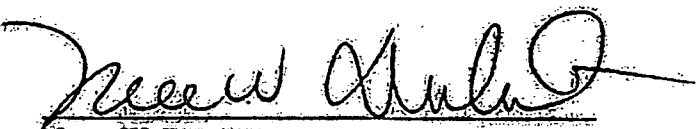
The basis of the Defendant's counterclaim is that the parties agreed that time was of the essence. The written contract is silent as to the terms, yet the testimony clearly shows that the parties' agreed for a completion in November, 2008, or "as soon as possible." The Court found the delay in starting the work was the responsibility of the Defendant, yet the uncontroverted evidence revealed that, for at least the month of September, 2008, the delay was the Plaintiff's responsibility. The Defendant requests the Court to reconsider its refusal to find any recovery on the Defendant's counterclaim.

3. The Defendant moves to amend to deny the claim of attorneys' fees.

The Court afforded the parties at the conclusion of the trial an opportunity to file a post-trial brief and to supplement the record with evidence supporting the claim of attorneys' fees. The order found that the Plaintiff has failed to provide sufficient evidence to support the basis of an award of fees and has allowed the Plaintiff an additional opportunity to build a record for this recovery. The Defendant respectfully requests that the claim be denied for insufficient evidence to support the claim for fees.

Respectfully submitted.

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Attorneys for Defendant, Doris E. Tumillo

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF AIKEN) C/A No. 2009-CP-02-000958

ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Plaintiff

vs.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

DORIS E. TUMMILLO,
First Defendant

and

GEORGIA BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY OF AUGUSTA,
Second Defendant.

I certify that, on this date, I served a copy of the *Motion to Amend Judgment* in this action by:

☐ Delivering it to him/her personally; or,

☒ Mailing it to him/her at his/her last known address, by depositing it in the U.S. Mail, in an envelope with sufficient postage thereon, addressed as follows:

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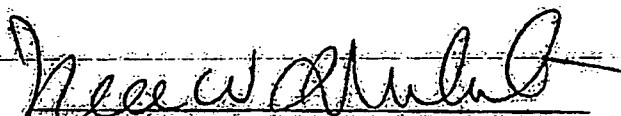
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(Date)


Neal W. Dickert
South Carolina Bar No: 1680
Attorney for Defendant, Doris E. Tummillo

State of South Carolina)

County of Aiken)

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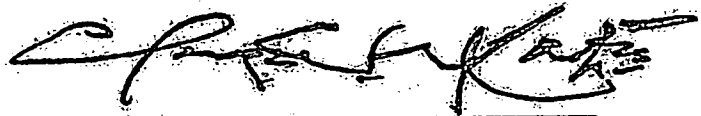
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**AFFIDAVIT
OF ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS
AND EXPENSES**

COME NOW, Clarke W. McCants, III, being duly sworn and states the following:

1. Attached hereto are the itemized and detailed time records for legal services performed in connection with my representation of Elite Construction, Inc. in the above-captioned matter. The attorney's fees total \$16,616.25. (Exhibit "A").
2. Attached hereto is a listing of the costs and expenses incurred by my law firm as part of the above-captioned matter. These costs total \$561.40. (Exhibit "B").
3. Attached hereto are copies of invoices for costs incurred by the Plaintiff as part of the above-captioned matter. These costs total \$2,616.75. (Exhibit "C").

Dated: Oct. 5, 2012



Clarke W. McCants, III

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this
5th day of October, 2012.

 (SEAL)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires: 2-4-2015

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Clarke W. McCants, III FEI# 58-2440867
Slip Listing

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98036	TIME	CWM	1.80	175.00	315.00
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Billed	G:20153	2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Preparation and review of correspondence to Dr. Tumillo regarding Mechanics' Lien for matter			0.00		
97777	TIME	CWM	1.00	175.00	175.00
1/26/2009		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20153	2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Office conference with Mr. Key regarding representation in matter and to review contract and related documents			0.00		
97778	TIME	CWM	0.30	175.00	52.50
1/28/2009		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20153	2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Key regarding representation in matter			0.00		
98035	TIME	CWM	2.00	175.00	350.00
2/6/2009		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20153	2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Additional review of file and preparation and review of Verified Statement of Account, property description for matter and Notice and Certificate of Mechanics' Lien			0.00		
98042	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
2/11/2009		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20153	2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding review of Mechanics' Lien for matter and calculation of amount due			0.00		
98094	TIME	CWM	0.75	175.00	131.25
2/13/2009		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20153	2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Make final revisions to Mechanics' Lien and Verified Statement of Account and conference with Mr. Key regarding execution of lien			0.00		

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98108	TIME 2/13/2009 Billed G:20153	CWM Plan & Prepare 2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.30 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	52.50
	Preparation and review of correspondence to Georgia Bank & Trust regarding filed Mechanics' Lien in matter				
98110	TIME 2/13/2009 Billed G:20153	CWM Plan & Prepare 2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.30 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	52.50
	Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Key regarding filed Mechanics' Lien for matter				
98684	TIME 3/10/2009 Billed G:20224	CWM Communicate/CLIENT 4/7/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.50 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	87.50
	Office conference with Mr. Key regarding foreclosure of Mechanic's Lien				
99094	TIME 3/27/2009 Billed G:20224	CWM Communicate/CLIENT 4/7/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
	Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding action to foreclose lien in matter				
99035	TIME 3/27/2009 Billed G:20224	APS Plan & Prepare 4/7/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	2.00 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	350.00
	Preparation and review of Summons and Complaint for matter				
99036	TIME 3/27/2009 Billed G:20224	APS Plan & Prepare 4/7/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.80 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	140.00
	Preparation and review of Lis Pendens for matter				
99355	TIME 4/8/2009 Billed G:20253	CWM Communicate/CLIENT 5/4/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
	Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding action to foreclose lien in matter				
99781	TIME 4/30/2009 Billed G:20253	CWM Review/analyze 5/4/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	1.20 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	210.00
	Make final revisions to Summons and Complaint for foreclosure of Mechanics' Lien				
99782	TIME 5/4/2009 Billed G:20253	CWM Other Activities 5/4/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.50 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	87.50
	Filed Summons and Complaint with Aiken County Clerk of Court				
99788	TIME 5/1/2009 Billed G:20253	CWM Communicate/CLIENT 5/4/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.20 0.00	175.00 C@1	35.00

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			Telephone conference with Mr. Hill regarding filing of foreclosure action and additional contact with Defendant		0:00		
99789	TIME			APS	0:30	175.00	52.50
5/4/2009				Plan & Prepare	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20253	5/4/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION		0:00		
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Alken County Clerk of Court regarding initial pleadings to be filed in matter				
99799	TIME			APS	0:30	175.00	52.50
5/5/2009				Plan & Prepare	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20279	5/21/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION		0:00		
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Client regarding filed Summons and Complaint and Lis Pendens				
99800	TIME			APS	0:30	175.00	52.50
5/5/2009				Plan & Prepare	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20279	5/21/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION		0:00		
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Daniel Blanton, Registered Agent regarding service of Summons and Complaint and Lis Pendens on Georgia Bank & Trust Consent Order of Augusta, GA				
99808	TIME			APS	0:10	175.00	17.50
5/6/2009				Review/analyze	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20279	5/21/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION		0:00		
			Receipt and review of Affidavit of Service for Dr. Tumillo				
100238	TIME			CWM	0:20	175.00	35.00
5/16/2009				Review/analyze	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20317	6/26/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION		0:00		
			Receipt and review of correspondence from Mr. Murray dated May 15, 2009 with Answer of Georgia Bank and Trust Company				
100239	TIME			CWM	0:30	175.00	52.50
5/17/2009				Plan & Prepare	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20317	6/26/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION		0:00		
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Key regarding Answer of Georgia Bank and Trust Company				
100588	TIME			CWM	0:20	175.00	35.00
6/4/2009				Review/analyze	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20317	6/26/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION		0:00		
			Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated May 29, 2009 with Answer and Counterclaim for matter				
100589	TIME			CWM	0:30	175.00	52.50
6/5/2009				Plan & Prepare	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20317	6/26/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION				

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		IN RE			
	Preparation and review of correspondence to Client regarding Answer and Counterclaim for matter and conference for matter		0.00		
100591	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
6/6/2009		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20317 6/26/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated June 3, 2009 with Defendant's Interrogatories and Request for Production in matter		0.00		
99809	TIME	APS	0.30	175.00	52.50
6/6/2009		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20279 5/21/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Preparation and review of correspondence to Clerk of Court regarding Affidavit of Service		0.00		
100665	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
6/8/2009		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20317 6/26/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Conference with Mr. Key regarding Answer and Counterclaim for matter and proposed discovery in matter		0.00		
100716	TIME	APS	0.60	175.00	105.00
6/16/2009		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20317 6/26/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Preparation and review of Interrogatories to Dr. Tummlillo and Georgia Bank & Trust		0.00		
100717	TIME	APS	0.60	175.00	105.00
6/16/2009		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20317 6/26/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Preparation and review of Request for Production of documents to Dr. Tummlillo and Georgia Bank & Trust		0.00		
100718	TIME	APS	0.30	175.00	52.50
6/16/2009		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20317 6/26/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Preparation and review of correspondence to Dr. Tummlillo's counsel, and Georgia Bank & Trust counsel regarding Plaintiff's initial discovery requests		0.00		
100719	TIME	APS	0.30	175.00	52.50
6/16/2009		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20317 6/26/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Preparation and review of correspondence to Client regarding Dr. Tummlillo's initial discovery requests		0.00		
101109	TIME	CWM	1.70	175.00	297.50
6/29/2009		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20372 7/27/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Preparation and review of Reply to Counterclaim for matter, preparation and review of correspondence to Clerk of Court regarding Reply to Counterclaim for matter		0.00		

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101102	TIME	CWM	0.80	175.00	140.00
6/29/2009		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20372 7/27/2009	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Office conference with Mr. Key and Mr. Hill to review Answer and Counterclaim and regarding proposed discovery in matter		0:00		
101778	TIME	CWM	0.30	175.00	52.50
7/22/2009		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:20688 1/19/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Receipt and review of correspondence from Mr. Murray dated July 16, 2009 with Georgia Bank & Trust response to Plaintiffs Interrogatories and Request for Production		0:00		
102295	TIME	CWM	0:20	175.00	35.00
8/18/2009		Communicate/MISC	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20688 1/19/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding proposed discovery in matter and settlement of matter		0:00		
104365	TIME	CWM	0:10	175.00	17.50
11/6/2009		Communicate/CLIENT	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20688 1/19/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding additional discovery in matter		0:00		
106680	TIME	CWM	0:10	175.00	17.50
2/9/2010		Communicate/CLIENT	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20754 3/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding office conference to review matter		0:00		
106895	TIME	CWM	1.00	175.00	175.00
2/17/2010		Communicate/CLIENT	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20754 3/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Office conference with Mr. Key regarding additional discovery in matter, investigation of Dr. Tumillo		0:00		
107293	TIME	CWM	0:20	175.00	35.00
3/2/2010		Communicate/OUTCouns	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20754 3/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding additional discovery in matter, preparation for trial and settlement of matter		0:00		
107352	TIME	CWM	0:10	175.00	17.50
3/4/2010		Communicate/CLIENT	0:00	C@1	
Billed	G:20754 3/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Telephone conference with Client regarding additional discovery in matter		0:00		

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107513	TIME			APS				0.50		175.00			87.50
	3/4/2010			Plan & Prepare				0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:20754	3/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION									
			Preparation and review of Notice of Deposition of Defendant					0.00					
107514	TIME			APS				0.30		175.00			52.50
	3/4/2010			Plan & Prepare				0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:20754	3/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION									
			Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding Defendant's deposition in matter					0.00					
107977	TIME			CWM				1.40		175.00			245.00
	3/22/2010			Review/analyze				0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:20808	4/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION									
			Review of file and all documents produced by Client to prepare responses to Plaintiff's discovery requests for matter					0.00					
107979	TIME			CWM				2.20		175.00			385.00
	3/24/2010			Plan & Prepare				0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:20808	4/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION									
			Preparation for deposition of Defendant					0.00					
107978	TIME			CWM				0.70		175.00			122.50
	3/24/2010			Review/analyze				0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:20808	4/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION									
			Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated March 24, 2010 regarding production of additional documents for matter and forwarding documents produced by Defendant					0.00					
107985	TIME			CWM				2.00		175.00			350.00
	3/25/2010			Plan & Prepare				0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:20808	4/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION									
			Additional preparation for deposition of Defendant					0.00					
107992	TIME			CWM				2.40		175.00			420.00
	3/25/2010			Communicate/CLIENT				0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:20808	4/9/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION									
			Conference with Client and attendance at initial deposition of Defendant					0.00					
108397	TIME			CWM				0.40		175.00			70.00
	4/10/2010			Review/analyze				0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:20947	6/17/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION									
			Receipt and review of deposition of Defendant					0.00					
108398	TIME			CWM				0.30		175.00			52.50
	4/10/2010			Plan & Prepare				0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:20947	6/17/2010	ELITE CONSTRUCTION									
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Client regarding deposition of Defendant					0.00					

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108730	TIME 4/22/2010 Billed Telephone conference with Client regarding proposed trial date for matter	CWM Communicate/CLIENT 6/17/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
109589	TIME 5/21/2010 Billed Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding additional discovery in matter	CWM Communicate/OUT Couns 6/17/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
109614	TIME 5/25/2010 Billed Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding additional discovery in matter	CWM Communicate/OUT Couns 6/17/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
110000	TIME 6/4/2010 Billed Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding additional discovery in matter	CWM Communicate/CLIENT 6/17/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
110317	TIME 6/15/2010 Billed Receipt and review of correspondence from Judge Early dated June 15, 2010 regarding proposed trial date for matter	CWM Review/analyze 9/28/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
110333	TIME 6/16/2010 Billed Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding proposed trial date for matter	CWM Communicate/CLIENT 9/28/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
111313	TIME 7/21/2010 Billed Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding additional discovery in matter	CWM Communicate/CLIENT 8/28/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
112174	TIME 8/19/2010 Billed Receipt and review of correspondence from Judge Early dated August 9, 2010 regarding proposed hearing date for matter	CWM Review/analyze 9/28/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
112744	TIME 9/7/2010 Billed Attendance at roster meeting for matter before Judge Early	CWM Appear for attend 9/28/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.50 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	87.50

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112913	TIME 9/13/2010 Billed Telephone conference with Judge Smoak regarding hearing date for matter	CWM Communicate/MISC ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
113055	TIME 9/15/2010 Billed Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding proposed hearing date for matter and additional discovery in matter	CWM Communicate/MISC ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.20 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	35.00
113056	TIME 9/15/2010 Billed Telephone conference with Judge Smoak regarding proposed hearing date in matter	CWM Communicate/MISC ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
113063	TIME 9/16/2010 Billed Preparation and review of correspondence to Judge Smoak regarding hearing fee for matter	CWM Plan & Prepare ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.30 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	52.50
113067	TIME 9/16/2010 Billed Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Dickert regarding proposed hearing date for matter, hearing for additional discovery in matter	CWM Plan & Prepare ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.40 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	70.00
113068	TIME 9/16/2010 Billed Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Key regarding proposed hearing date for matter	CWM Plan & Prepare ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.30 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	52.50
113107	TIME 9/17/2010 Billed Receipt and review of Form Order Referral for matter forwarded by Judge Early	CWM Review/analyze ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
113154	TIME 9/20/2010 Billed Telephone conference with Mr. Murray regarding proposed hearing date for matter	CWM Communicate/MISC ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
113153	TIME 9/20/2010 Billed Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding proposed hearing date for matter	CWM Communicate/MISC ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50

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113172	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
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Billed	G:21137	9/28/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding additional discovery in matter			0.00		
113175	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
9/21/2010		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21137	9/28/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated September 21, 2010 regarding additional discovery in matter			0.00		
113444	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
9/30/2010		Communicate/OUTCouns	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21213	10/29/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding additional discovery in matter			0.00		
113647	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
10/6/2010		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21213	10/29/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding preparation for additional depositions in matter			0.00		
113648	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
10/6/2010		Communicate/MISC	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21213	10/29/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding additional discovery in matter preparation for trial in matter			0.00		
113827	TIME	CWM	0.70	175.00	122.50
10/12/2010		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21213	10/29/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Office conference with Client to prepare for deposition in matter			0.00		
113828	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
10/12/2010		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21213	10/29/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with Client regarding expert witness in matter			0.00		
113854	TIME	CWM	0.80	175.00	140.00
10/12/2010		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21213	10/29/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Review of file to prepare for reconvening of deposition of Defendant			0.00		
113856	TIME	CWM	8.50	175.00	612.50
10/13/2010		Appear for/attend	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21213	10/29/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Attendance at continuation of Defendant's deposition and deposition of Client			0.00		

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113957	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
10/14/2010		Communicate/OUT Couns	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21213	10/29/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding status conference for matter			0.00		
113962	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
10/15/2010		Communicate/OUT Couns	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21213	10/29/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding status conference for matter			0.00		
113961	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
10/15/2010		Communicate/MISC	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21213	10/29/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with Judge Smoak regarding status conference for matter			0.00		
114148	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
10/28/2010		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21467	3/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding additional discovery in matter			0.00		
116037	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
1/14/2011		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21467	3/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding conference with expert in matter			0.00		
116524	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
1/28/2011		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21467	3/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated January 27, 2011 regarding inspection of barn			0.00		
116525	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
1/28/2011		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21467	3/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with Client regarding inspection of barn and preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding inspection of barn			0.00		
116579	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
2/1/2011		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21467	3/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with Client regarding inspection of Defendant's property			0.00		
116580	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
2/1/2011		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21467	3/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding visit to and inspection of Defendant's property			0.00		

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Conference with Client and Mr. Cooper at Defendant's property								0.00				
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2/12/2011					Review/analyze			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:21467		3/1/2011		ELITE CONSTRUCTION							
Receipt and review of correspondence from Mr. Dickert dated February 9, 2011 regarding additional discovery in matter								0.00				
116912	TIME			CWM				0.20		175.00		35.00
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Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding additional discovery in matter and selection of special referee								0.00				
117438	TIME			CWM				0.40		175.00		17.50
2/25/2011					Review/analyze			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:21563		5/3/2011		ELITE CONSTRUCTION							
Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated February 25, 2011 regarding additional discovery in matter								0.00				
117499	TIME			CWM				0.40		175.00		17.50
3/1/2011					Review/analyze			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:21563		5/3/2011		ELITE CONSTRUCTION							
Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated March 1, 2011 regarding additional discovery in matter								0.00				
117531	TIME			CWM				0.10		175.00		17.50
3/3/2011					Communicate/CLIENT			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:21563		5/3/2011		ELITE CONSTRUCTION							
Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding additional discovery in matter								0.00				
117669	TIME			CWM				0.50		175.00		87.50
3/9/2011					Communicate/CLIENT			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:21563		5/3/2011		ELITE CONSTRUCTION							
Office conference with Mr. Key regarding preparation for additional discovery in matter								0.00				
117947	TIME			CWM				1.00		175.00		175.00
3/16/2011					Communicate/CLIENT			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:21563		5/3/2011		ELITE CONSTRUCTION							
Office conference with Mr. Key and Mr. Norris regarding preparation for depositions and additional investigation in matter								0.00				
118776	TIME			CWM				0.10		175.00		17.50
4/8/2011					Review/analyze			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:21563		5/3/2011		ELITE CONSTRUCTION							

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	Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated April 8, 2011 regarding production of additional documents for matter		0.00		
118781	TIME	CWM	0.30	175.00	52.50
4/9/2011		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21563 5/3/2011	ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Receipt and review of correspondence from Mr. Dickert dated April 8, 2011 with Mr. Tummlillo's notes and Mr. Barron's notes of inspection		0.00		
118901	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
4/13/2011		Communicate/MISC	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21563 5/3/2011	ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding preparation for depositions in matter and appearance by Mr. Barron as witness in matter		0.00		
119160	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
4/19/2011		Communicate/MISC	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21563 5/3/2011	ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding additional discovery in matter		0.00		
121114	TIME	APS	0.10	175.00	17.50
6/27/2011		Communicate/MISC	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21756 8/2/2011	ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding additional discovery in matter		0.00		
121115	TIME	APS	0.80	175.00	140.00
6/27/2011		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21756 8/2/2011	ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Preparation and review of Notice of Deposition for Mike Tummlillo and Ricky Stewart		0.00		
121116	TIME	APS	0.30	175.00	52.50
6/27/2011		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21756 8/2/2011	ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding additional discovery in matter		0.00		
121997	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
8/4/2011		Communicate/MISC	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21805 9/2/2011	ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding additional discovery in matter		0.00		
122042	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
8/4/2011		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21805 9/2/2011	ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Dickert regarding additional discovery in matter and depositions of Mr. Tummlillo and expert witness in matter		0.00		

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121986	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
8/4/2011		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21805	9/2/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated August 3, 2011 regarding additional discovery in matter		0.00		
121987	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
8/4/2011		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21805	9/2/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding additional discovery in matter		0.00		
122205	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
8/9/2011		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21805	9/2/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Receipt and review of correspondence from Mr. Dickert dated August 9, 2011 regarding additional discovery in matter		0.00		
122206	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
8/9/2011		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21805	9/2/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Dickert regarding additional discovery in matter and deposition of expert witness		0.00		
122574	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
8/25/2011		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21805	9/2/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated August 25, 2011 regarding additional discovery in matter		0.00		
122831	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
9/6/2011		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21823	9/29/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Telephone conference with Client regarding additional discovery in matter		0.00		
123015	TIME	CWM	5.00	175.00	875.00
9/13/2011		Communicate/MISC	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21823	9/29/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Conference with Mr. Key and Mr. Cooper regarding additional depositions in matter; attendance at deposition of Defendant's expert and deposition of Mr. Tummllo		0.00		
123127	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
9/19/2011		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21823	9/29/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
	Telephone conference with Mr. Key regarding additional inspection of Defendant's barn		0.00		

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123323	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
	9/26/2011	Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
	Billed	9/29/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Dickert regarding inspection of barn				
123456	TIME	CWM	0.40	175.00	70.00
	10/1/2011	Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
	Billed	11/3/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Receipt and review of depositions of Mr. Tumillo and Mr. Sidener				
123507	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
	10/3/2011	Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
	Billed	11/3/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated October 3, 2011 regarding inspection of barns; Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding inspection of barns and availability of witness				
123521	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
	10/4/2011	Communicate/OUT Couns	0.00	C@1	
	Billed	11/3/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding additional inspection of property				
123695	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
	10/11/2011	Communicate/OUT Couns	0.00	C@1	
	Billed	11/3/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding additional inspection of barn				
124009	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
	10/23/2011	Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
	Billed	11/3/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Receipt and review of correspondence from Clerk of Court regarding referral of matter to Master in Equity				
124163	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
	10/27/2011	Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
	Billed	12/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding referral to Master in Equity and additional inspection of property				
124209	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
	11/1/2011	Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
	Billed	12/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding inspection of barn and referral to Master in Equity for trial				
124470	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
	11/14/2011	Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
	Billed	12/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			

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	Receipt and review of correspondence from Mr. Dickert dated November 14, 2011 regarding additional inspection of property; Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Dickert regarding additional inspection of property		0.00		
124488	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
11/15/2011		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21965	12/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Receipt and review of correspondence from Mr. Dickert dated November 15, 2011 regarding additional inspection of property		0.00		
124503	TIME	CWM	1.40	175.00	245.00
11/15/2011		Communicate/MISC	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:21965	12/1/2011 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Conference with Mr. Cooper and Client at Defendant's property to inspect barn		0.00		
124891	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
11/29/2011		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding referral of matter to Alken County Master in Equity		0.00		
124932	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
11/30/2011		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel and Mr. Murray regarding referral of matter to Master in Equity and proposed Motion for matter		0.00		
124931	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
11/30/2011		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Receipt and review of correspondence from Mr. Dickert dated November 30, 2011 regarding referral of matter to Master in Equity		0.00		
124951	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
12/1/2011		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Receipt and review of correspondence from Mr. Dickert dated December 1, 2011 regarding deposition of Mr. Cooper		0.00		
125045	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
12/5/2011		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.00		
	Receipt and review of correspondence from Mr. Murray dated December 3, 2011 regarding Order of Reference for matter		0.00		

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Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012	ELITE CONSTRUCTION				
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Judge Early regarding Order of Reference for matter		0.00		
125306	TIME			CWM	0.30	175.00	52.50
	12/13/2011			Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012	ELITE CONSTRUCTION				
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Clerk of Court regarding Order of Reference for matter		0.00		
125401	TIME			CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
	12/19/2011			Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012	ELITE CONSTRUCTION				
			Telephone conference with Client regarding deposition of Mr. Cooper		0.00		
125500	TIME			CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
	12/28/2011			Communicate/MISC	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012	ELITE CONSTRUCTION				
			Telephone conference with Judge Griffith regarding proposed hearing date for matter		0.00		
125508	TIME			CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
	12/28/2011			Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012	ELITE CONSTRUCTION				
			Preparation and review of correspondence to counsel of record regarding proposed trial date for matter before Judge Griffith		0.00		
125548	TIME			CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
	12/29/2011			Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22035	2/2/2012	ELITE CONSTRUCTION				
			Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated December 29, 2011 regarding proposed trial date for matter. Preparation and review of correspondence to opposing counsel regarding proposed trial date for matter		0.00		
125564	TIME			CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
	12/30/2011			Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22035	2/2/2012	ELITE CONSTRUCTION				
			Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated December 30, 2011 regarding trial date for matter. Preparation and review of correspondence to Judge Griffith regarding proposed trial date for matter		0.00		
125609	TIME			CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
	1/4/2012			Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22035	2/2/2012	ELITE CONSTRUCTION				
			Receipt and review of filed Order of Reference for matter forwarded by Judge Early		0.00		

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Billed	G:22035	2/2/2012	Conference with Mr. Cooper to prepare for deposition in matter	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			0.00		
125726	TIME			CWM			2.80	175.00	490.00
1/10/2012				Communicate/MISC			0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22035	2/2/2012	Conference with Mr. Cooper to prepare for deposition in matter and attendance at deposition of Mr. Cooper	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			0.00		
125727	TIME			CWM			0.20	175.00	35.00
1/10/2012				Communicate/OUTCouns			0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22035	2/2/2012	Conference with opposing counsel regarding additional discovery in matter and mediation in matter	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			0.00		
125732	TIME			CWM			0.80	175.00	140.00
1/11/2012				Plan & Prepare			0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22035	2/2/2012	Preparation and review of Amended Reply to Counterclaim for matter; Preparation and review of correspondence to Aiken Clerk of Court regarding Amended Reply	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			0.00		
126176	TIME			CWM			0.10	175.00	17.50
1/31/2012				Communicate/MISC			0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22035	2/2/2012	Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding preparation for trial in matter	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			0.00		
126389	TIME			CWM			0.20	175.00	35.00
2/7/2012				Review/analyze			0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22266	6/1/2012	Receipt and review correspondence from Mr. Myrtle regarding additional hearing in matter; Preparation and review of correspondence to Counsel of record regarding additional referee for matter and additional hearing date for matter	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			0.00		
126597	TIME			CWM			0.10	175.00	17.50
2/18/2012				Plan & Prepare			0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22266	6/1/2012	Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Dickert regarding selection of special referee	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			0.00		
126843	TIME			CWM			0.10	175.00	17.50
3/5/2012				Review/analyze			0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22266	6/1/2012	Receipt and review of correspondence to Mr. Harvey dated March 5, 2012 regarding proposed hearing date for matter	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			0.00		

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Billed	G:22266	6/1/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Harvey regarding proposed hearing date for matter					0.00				
127615	TIME			CWM				0.10		175.00		17.50
4/10/2012					Review/analyze			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:22266	6/1/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Receipt and review of correspondence from opposing counsel dated April 10, 2012 regarding proposed trial date for matter					0.00				
127646	TIME			CWM				0.10		175.00		17.50
4/12/2012					Communicate/OUT Couns			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:22266	6/1/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding proposed hearing date for matter					0.00				
128032	TIME			CWM				0.10		175.00		17.50
4/28/2012					Plan & Prepare			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:22266	6/1/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Counsel of Record regarding proposed hearing date for matter					0.00				
128302	TIME			CWM				0.10		175.00		17.50
5/9/2012					Plan & Prepare			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:22266	6/1/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Counsel of Record regarding proposed hearing date for matter					0.00				
129676	TIME			CWM				0.10		175.00		17.50
7/4/2012					Plan & Prepare			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Counsel of Record regarding additional Order of Reference for matter					0.00				
129687	TIME			CWM				0.80		175.00		140.00
7/5/2012					Communicate/CLIENT			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Office conference with Client for preparation for trial in matter					0.00				
129710	TIME			CWM				0.10		175.00		17.50
7/6/2012					Communicate/MISC			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Telephone conference with Mr. Murray regarding preparation for trial in matter					0.00				
129714	TIME			CWM				0.10		175.00		17.50
7/6/2012					Communicate/MISC			0.00		C@1		
Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Telephone conference with Mr. Cooper regarding preparation for trial in matter					0.00				

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	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Preparation and review of additional Order of Reference for matter					0.00					
129716	TIME			CWM				0.50		175.00			87.50
	7/6/2012				Plan & Prepare			0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Preparation and review of Amended Reply to Counterclaim for matter					0.00					
129717	TIME			CWM				0.30		175.00			52.50
	7/6/2012				Plan & Prepare			0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Counsel of Record regarding proposed additional Order of Reference for matter and Amended Reply to Counterclaims					0.00					
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	7/6/2012				Plan & Prepare			0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Preparation and review of correspondence to Judge Early regarding Order of Reference for matter					0.00					
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	7/7/2012				Review/analyze			0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Initial preparation and review of Pre-trial brief for matter and preparation for trial in matter					0.00					
129874	TIME			CWM				2.00		175.00			350.00
	7/8/2012				Review/analyze			0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Review of depositions of Mr. Key and Defendant, depositions of Mike Tumillo, Dallas Sidener and J.D. Cooper					0.00					
129875	TIME			CWM				2.00		175.00			350.00
	7/9/2012				Plan & Prepare			0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Additional preparation and review of Pre-trial brief for matter and preparation for trial in matter					0.00					
129824	TIME			CWM				1.50		175.00			262.50
	7/9/2012				Review/analyze			0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Review of proposed trial exhibits for matter					0.00					
129825	TIME			CWM				2.00		175.00			350.00
	7/9/2012				Plan & Prepare			0.00		C@1			
	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012		ELITE CONSTRUCTION								
			Preparation and review of Pre-Trial brief for matter					0.00					

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129832	TIME 7/10/2012 Billed G:22363 Telephone conference with Mr. Harvey regarding preparation for trial in matter	CWM Communicate/MISC ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
129876	TIME 7/10/2012 Billed G:22363 Additional preparation for trial of matter, preparation of direct examinations of Mr. Key and Mr. Cooper and cross-examinations of Dr. Tummlillo, Mr. Sidener and Mike Tummlillo	CWM Plan & Prepare ELITE CONSTRUCTION	4.00 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	700.00
129877	TIME 7/10/2012 Billed G:22363 Preparation and review of file exhibits for matter and final preparation for trial in matter	CWM Plan & Prepare ELITE CONSTRUCTION	3.00 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	525.00
129878	TIME 7/11/2012 Billed G:22363 Conference with Client and Mr. Cooper to prepare for trial in matter and attendance at trial for matter before Special Referee Harvey	CWM Communicate/CLIENT ELITE CONSTRUCTION	7.00 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	1225.00
130067	TIME 7/20/2012 Billed G:22363 Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding settlement of matter	CWM Communicate/MISC ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
130255	TIME 7/26/2012 Billed G:22363 Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding settlement of matter	CWM Communicate/OUT Couns ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50
130395	TIME 7/30/2012 Billed G:22439 Telephone conference with Client regarding settlement of matter	CWM Communicate/IN FIRM ELITE CONSTRUCTION	0.10 0.00 0.00	175.00 C@1	17.50

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Telephone conference with Mr. Dickert regarding post trial brief for matter			0.00		
130888	TIME	CWM	2.50	175.00	437.50
8/23/2012		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22439	8/31/2012 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Preparation and review of draft of Post Trial Brief for matter			0.00		
130889	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
8/27/2012		Communicate/OUTCouns	0.00	C@1	
Billed	G:22439	8/31/2012 ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding issues presented for Post Trial Brief and commission of Post Trial Brief to Mr. Harvey			0.00		
131093	TIME	APS	0.40	175.00	70.00
8/29/2012		Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
WIP		ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Review Plaintiffs Post-Trial Brief prior to submission to Judge Harvey			0.00		
131094	TIME	APS	0.30	175.00	52.50
8/30/2012		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
WIP		ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Preparation and review of correspondence to Judge Harvey regarding Plaintiffs Post-Trial Brief			0.00		
130983	TIME	CWM	0.40	175.00	70.00
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WIP		ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Receipt and review correspondence from opposing counsel dated August 30, 2012 with Defendant's Post Trial Brief for matter			0.00		
131226	TIME	APS	0.30	175.00	52.50
8/12/2012		Plan & Prepare	0.00	C@1	
WIP		ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Preparation and review of correspondence to Client regarding Judge Harvey's Order			0.00		
131299	TIME	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
9/18/2012		Communicate/CLIENT	0.00	C@1	
WIP		ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Telephone conference with Client regarding filed Order for matter			0.00		
131486	TIME	CWM	0.20	175.00	35.00
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Receipt and review correspondence from opposing counsel dated September 24, 2012 regarding Motion to Amend Judgment in matter			0.00		

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WIP	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Preparation and review of correspondence to Judge Harvey regarding Motion for Reconsideration in matter and submission of additional attorney's fee information in matter		0.00		
131563	CWM	0.10	175.00	17.50
9/29/2012	Review/analyze	0.00	C@1	
WIP	ELITE CONSTRUCTION			
Receipt and review correspondence from Mr. Harvey dated September 28, 2012 regarding hearing for motion for Reconsideration in matter, Preparation and review of correspondence to Mr. Dickert regarding proposed hearing date		0.00		
Grand Total	Billable	94.95		16616.25
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97779	EXP 1/28/2009 Billed Postage	CWM Postage 2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	2	0.42	0.84
98105	EXP 2/13/2009 Billed Filing Fee	CWM Court fee 2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION Mechanics Lien	1	10.00	10.00
98109	EXP 2/13/2009 Billed Postage	CWM Postage 2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION Certified GA B&T	1	5.49	5.49
98111	EXP 2/13/2009 Billed Postage	CWM Postage 2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	1	0.42	0.42
98168	EXP 2/14/2009 Billed Service fee of Mechanics Lien	CWM Other Expenses 2/19/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	4	60.00	60.00
99783	EXP 5/1/2009 Billed Filing Fee	CWM Court fee 5/4/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION Sum. & Compl.	1	150.00	150.00
99784	EXP 5/1/2009 Billed Photocopying	CWM Photocopy 5/4/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION Sum. & Compl.	45	0.25	11.25

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99801	EXP 5/5/2009 Billed Postage - Summons and Complaint	APS Postage 5/21/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION Certified...	1	10.13	10.13
99802	EXP 5/5/2009 Billed Photocopying	APS Photocopy 5/21/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION Summons Complaint	33	0.25	8.25
99810	EXP 5/6/2009 Billed Postage	APS Postage 5/21/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	2	0.42	0.84
99814	EXP 5/6/2009 Billed Photocopying	APS Photocopy 5/21/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	3	0.25	0.75
100240	EXP 5/17/2009 Billed Postage	CWM Postage 6/26/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	1	0.44	0.44
100241	EXP 5/17/2009 Billed Photocopying	CWM Photocopy 6/26/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	10	0.25	2.50
101110	EXP 6/29/2009 Billed Postage	CWM Postage 7/27/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	4	0.44	1.76
101113	EXP 6/29/2009 Billed Photocopying	CWM Photocopy 7/27/2009 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	20	0.25	5.00
107516	EXP 3/4/2010 Billed Photocopying	APS Photocopy 3/9/2010 ELITE CONSTRUCTION	5	0.25	1.25

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108399	4/10/2010	EXP	Billed Postage	CWM Postage ELITE CONSTRUCTION	1	0.44	0.44
108400	4/10/2010	EXP	Billed Photocopying	CWM Photocopy ELITE CONSTRUCTION	6	0.25	1.50
113064	9/16/2010	EXP	Billed Postage	CWM Postage ELITE CONSTRUCTION	4	0.44	1.76
113065	9/16/2010	EXP	Billed Photocopying	CWM Photocopy ELITE CONSTRUCTION	15	0.25	3.75
113066	9/16/2010	EXP	Billed one half of hearing fee	CWM Court fee ELITE CONSTRUCTION	1	75.00	75.00
113069	9/16/2010	EXP	Billed Postage	CWM Postage ELITE CONSTRUCTION	1	0.44	0.44
113070	9/16/2010	EXP	Billed Photocopying	CWM Photocopy ELITE CONSTRUCTION	6	0.25	1.50
118782	4/9/2011	EXP	Billed Photocopying	CWM Photocopy ELITE CONSTRUCTION	15	0.25	3.75
125307	12/13/2011	EXP	Billed Postage	CWM Postage ELITE CONSTRUCTION	4	0.44	1.76

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			Photocopying				ELITE CONSTRUCTION						
125309	12/13/2011	EXP	Billed	G:22001	1/2/2012	CWM	Court fee	1		25.00			25.00
			Filing Fee				ELITE CONSTRUCTION						
125733	1/11/2012	EXP	Billed	G:22035	2/2/2012	CWM	Postage	4		0.44			1.76
			Postage				ELITE CONSTRUCTION						
125734	1/11/2012	EXP	Billed	G:22035	2/2/2012	CWM	Photocopy	20		0.25			5.00
			Photocopying				ELITE CONSTRUCTION						
129718	7/6/2012	EXP	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012	CWM	Postage	2		0.45			0.90
			Postage				ELITE CONSTRUCTION						
129719	7/6/2012	EXP	Billed	G:22363	7/31/2012	CWM	Photocopy	30		0.25			7.50
			Photocopying				ELITE CONSTRUCTION						
131708	7/11/2012	EXP	WIP			CWM	Outside copy	1		53.82			53.82
			Outside copying - Color, enlarged pictures for trial exhibits				ELITE CONSTRUCTION						
131228	9/12/2012	EXP	Billed	G:22490	10/5/2012	APS	Photocopy	10		0.25			2.50
			Photocopying				ELITE CONSTRUCTION						
Grand Total													
								Billable	0.00				561.40
								Unbillable	0.00				0.00
								Total	0.00				561.40

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FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:

RE: ELITE CONSTRUCTION V. DORIS E. TUMMILLO, MD

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3/25/10	O&I TRANS/DORIS E. TUMMILLO, MD	\$ 513.50
TOTAL		\$ 513.50

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Sharon DeHart)
Terms: 30 days

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10/13/10	O&I TRANSCRIPT/DORIS TUMMILLO, MD (CONT)	\$ 435.00
	TRANSCRIPT/CHRIS KEY	<u>275.35</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 710.35

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RE: ELITE CONSTRUCTION, INC. V. DORIS E. TUMMILLO, ET AL.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1/10/12	TRANSCRIPT/JD COOPER	\$ 165.55
	TOTAL	\$ 165.55

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FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:

RE: ELITE CONSTRUCTION V. TUMMILLO

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
7/11/12	ATTENDANCE FEE/HEARING	\$ 425.00
	TOTAL	\$ 425.00

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Sharon DeHart)
Terms: 30 days

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE this date served a copy of the within and attached document(s) upon the following by electronic transmission and First Class mail with sufficient postage affixed thereto to insure proper delivery:

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By:


Clarke W. McCants, III, Esquire
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Dated: October 5, 2012

State of South Carolina)

County of Aiken)

Elite Construction, Inc.,
Plaintiff,)

vs.)

Doris E. Tummillo and
Georgia Bank and Trust Company
of Augusta,)
Defendants.)

In the Court of Common Pleas

Civil Action No.: 2009-CP-02-958

**AFFIDAVIT
OF ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS
AND EXPENSES**

COME NOW, Chris Key, being duly sworn and states the following:

1. Elite Construction has incurred the following Attorney's Fees and Costs as part of the above-referenced matter:

Attorney's Fees:	\$11,033.75
Attorney's Costs & Expenses:	
Process Server Fees	\$ 120.00
Document Filing Fees	185.00
Depositions	2,191.75
Postage	29.96
Photocopies	89.72
Total:	\$ 2,616.43

TOTAL to May 9, 2012: \$13,650.18

2. This amount does not include Attorney's Fees and Costs after May 9, 2012.

Elite Construction, Inc.

Dated: 7/11/12

Chris Key
Chris Key

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this
11th day of July, 2012.

Angela P. H. [Signature] (SEAL)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires: 2-4-2015

Chris Key – Direct Examination by Mr. McCants

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And Elite Construction is the plaintiff in
3 this case, is that correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. All right. Where are you from, Chris?

6 A. Originally from New Ellenton, South Carolina.

7 Q. Where do you live now?

8 A. I live in Ridge Spring, South Carolina.

9 Q. And your wife, Heather, is with us in the
10 courtroom today?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. That's her over there?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Now, tell Judge Harvey a little bit about the
15 nature of the work done by your company, Elite
16 Construction.

17 A. We specialize in custom barns. 90 percent of
18 the construction we do is the pole building.

19 Q. What you call a pole building?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. What is a pole building?

22 A. It's an economical structure for a means of
23 getting a larger area for less money and it's erected
24 with either round or square columns, poles, as far as
25 supporting the roof.

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1 Q. The roof is supported by poles that circle the
2 structure itself, is that correct?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. How long have you been doing this kind of
5 work?

6 A. For 10 years.

7 Q. All right, sir. Are you a licensed building
8 contractor in the State of South Carolina?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Unlimited or are you limited in any regard?

11 A. Just residential.

12 Q. All right. And that includes the construction
13 of barns, structures and things of that nature?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. So, you're within your guidelines and your
16 licenses and whatnot?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Never had any problems with your licenses or
19 anything like that?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. Okay. And typically, for -- I'll go ahead and
22 tell you, this barn is a pretty large structure, is that
23 correct?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. It started off being 45 stalls and, through

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1 same page here, Chris?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. You've got your contract. It's called a
4 Purchase Contract, is that correct?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And also, the Plans and Specifications for Dr.
7 Tummillo's barn, is that correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. All right, now, the contract, of course,
10 speaks for itself in our minds and we've been through
11 this, but this before Judge Harvey, marked as Exhibit
12 Number 1, was the end product of the negotiations you
13 had with Dr. Tummillo for the construction of the barn,
14 is that correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. And tell the Judge what the original contract
17 price was for the construction of the barn.

18 A. It was \$358,379.

19 Q. All right. And again, the size -- well, are
20 the number of stalls defined on that contract?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. All right. That's defined by the Plans and
23 Specs that --

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. -- are Exhibit Number 2, is that correct?

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1 barn that I had built and check the quality of my work.

2 Q. All right. And I want you to be careful in
3 this case about testifying about what other people said.
4 And I'm going to help you in that regard. You can say
5 what Dr. Tumnillo and of course what you said, but don't
6 describe what other people said, but what you're saying
7 is that Dr. Tumnillo did have an opportunity to look at
8 some of your other work product?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And to examine your craftsmanship, is that
11 correct?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. All right. You subsequently obtained a
14 building permit for construction of Dr. Tumnillo's barn,
15 is that correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 MR. McCANTS: That's going to be Exhibit
18 Number 3, Judge.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 MR. McCANTS: And then what I would like to do

21 --

22 MR. DICKERT: What is Number 3?

23 MR. McCANTS: Number 3 is the building permit.

24 MR. DICKERT: No objection to that.

25 THE COURT: Admitted without objection.

Chris Key – Direct Examination by Mr. McCants

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1 Q. [Mr. McCants] I show you these photographs
2 which have been pre-marked as Exhibits 4 through what?
3 Which is the last one there, Chris?

4 A. 4 through 7.

5 Q. All right. Those are pictures of Dr.
6 Tumnillo's barn, is that correct?

7 A. That is correct.

8 Q. And they were taken on what date?

9 A. They were taken on January 5th, 2009.

10 Q. All right. And go ahead and give those to
11 Judge Harvey so we can --

12 THE COURT: Thank you. All right.

13 MR. McCANTS: I'm going to offer this to The
14 Court as just somewhat of a visual of the structure
15 we're talking about.

16 Q. [Mr. McCants] But that shows the barn not
17 finished, is that correct?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. And we're going to talk about this a little
20 bit later, but they were taken, again, on January 5 of
21 2009, and what is significant about that date?

22 A. That is the last day we worked on that
23 project.

24 Q. All right. And at that point, if you had to
25 estimate, Mr. Key, how much -- what percentage was the

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1 barn complete at that point, in your mind?

2 A. It was about 85 percent.

3 Q. All right. So, there was still work to be
4 done?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. All right, and we'll talk a little bit more
7 about that later and everything, but the main point is
8 that does not show the finished barn?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. It's a large structure.

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Okay. All right. You began work on Dr.
13 Tummillo's barn, and I want you to be careful with these
14 dates and be very clear about them. The contract was
15 negotiated on what day? On or about what date?

16 A. It was around the end of July.

17 Q. All right. Let's look at it. Get it in front
18 of you. I've got a date on the second -- the first full
19 page, up at the top, it says 7/16/08. Does that appear
20 to be correct?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. All right. And she did pay you the initial
23 deposits by check dated July 24, 2008, is that correct?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. All right. Is that a copy of the check?

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Chris Key – Direct Examination by Mr. McCants

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 MR. McCANTS: And that's Exhibit Number 8.

3 All right, hand that to the Judge.

4 Q. [Mr. McCants] Read the amount of the check if
5 you would, though, Chris, or maybe the Judge can do it
6 just to get it in the record.

7 THE COURT: \$107,513.70.

8 MR. McCANTS: All right.

9 THE COURT: Without objection?

10 MR. DICKERT: No objection.

11 Q. [Mr. McCants] Now, is there anything in that
12 written contract which says when you're supposed to
13 begin?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. Is there anything in that written contract
16 that says when the project has to be completed?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. What was your understanding, though, about
19 when you were supposed to begin?

20 A. My understanding, as far as a start date?

21 Q. Yes, sir.

22 A. As soon as possible.

23 Q. All right. Now, you ordered some building
24 products pretty soon after you received the deposit
25 that's represented by that check, is that correct?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. What did you order?

3 A. On 7/31, seven days, I think, after the check
4 was wrote, I ordered the trusses for the barn.

5 Q. All right. Now, the next question is when did
6 you -- that is, your company and your employees,
7 actually begin construction of this barn? When did you
8 put your hands on this project?

9 A. We set foot first on the property to start
10 construction on October the 2nd.

11 Q. Of?

12 A. 2008.

13 Q. Now, why is there a gap between the end of
14 July and October 2008?

15 A. Referring to the contract, the fill and
16 grading was to be furnished by the owner and the
17 building pad is the first thing you need to construct
18 the project on and the building pads were not complete.

19 Q. All right. And I think everyone knows what a
20 building pad is but what is it made of?

21 A. It's where you use heavy equipment to level
22 dirt, usually sand clay, something of a hard substance,
23 to support it and actually make the ground level.

24 Q. All right. In other words, prep the
25 foundation, the site prep, that was not your

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1 responsibility under the contract, is that correct?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Whose responsibility was it?

4 A. That was Dr. Tummillo's.

5 Q. All right. And when was the site prepared for
6 you to actually begin your construction work?

7 A. The building pad did not start or get finished
8 until the month of September.

9 Q. All right. So, that brings us to the
10 September/October time frame, is that correct?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. All right. Now, I want you to tell Judge
13 Harley generally -- not in great, great detail, but
14 generally, what's the process in building a pole barn?

15 A. In a pole barn, you start, of course, with a
16 building pad. After the building pad has been
17 completed, we use what we call layout frames, which is
18 how we align and square the building on the building
19 pad. We run string lines between those, pull
20 measurements to make sure everything is square. We
21 drill the holes for the footings, which is what the
22 poles will set in, and that's when we require our first
23 inspection. The inspector comes, verifies that the
24 depth is okay, that at least up to 25 percent of the
25 pole is in the ground with a max of four foot deep.

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1 Once that's verified, we put concrete in the hole, we
2 erect the post that supports the roof structure and then
3 we set trusses. In between the trusses, we run two-by-
4 six purlins, and then on top of the purlins, 95 percent
5 of the time is insulation and metal.

6 Q. Spell purlins, if you would, for the court
7 reporter.

8 A. P-e-r-l-i-n-s [sic].

9 Q. All right, purlins. We're going to talk about
10 purlins in just a little bit. All right. And what is
11 done after --

12 A. Well, after the roof is completed, this -- you
13 know, pole buildings can be different structures. If
14 it's a shop, you would complete the outside walls,
15 install the doors, pour concrete and you have a finished
16 product.

17 Q. All right.

18 A. With a barn, you continue building walls,
19 setting other posts for door entryways and windows and,
20 of course, the electrical and any plumbing involved.

21 Q. And that was your responsibility, basically
22 this turnkey barn, after the site was prepped, is that
23 correct?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. All right. Now, let's talk about some of the

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1 issues in this case. The essential issue, as you know,
2 and as the Court knows, it deals with the size of the
3 horse stalls at Dr. Tummillo's barn, okay?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. I think everybody knows, when you talk about a
6 horse stall, that's where you put the horse, where the
7 horse is kept and whatnot, is that correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. All right. Again, there were 40 of these
10 stalls or spaces at Dr. Tummillo's barn once the
11 construction -- it was planned ultimately for 40 spaces
12 or stalls, is that correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. Now, the contract, again, as you testified,
15 provides certain dimensions for the barn, is that
16 correct?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. And describes the type of materials which are
19 going to be used for the barn, is that correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. It does not, however, mention any size
22 specifications for the actual stalls, is that correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Now, do you believe that the contract, though,
25 by virtue of describing materials to be used and the

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1 dimensions of the barn, in fact, defines the stall
2 spaces?

3 A. Yes, sir, between the contract and the plans.

4 Q. All right. And explain that to the Court, if
5 you would, then.

6 A. Well, the contract has the overall size of the
7 structure, which is a U-shaped structure. And of course
8 the coordinating plans is a U-shaped structure with the
9 same measurements. And if you do the math and
10 calculations, you'll come up with the measurements that
11 the plans specify.

12 Q. All right. All things the contractors do?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. Things maybe not a lawyer would do or a lay
15 person, though, correct?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. And for that reason, there were some
18 discussions between you and Dr. Tumnillo regarding the
19 size of the stalls, is that correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. All right. Now, from your standpoint, what
22 was discussed with her as to the size of the stalls that
23 she was going to get for this barn?

24 A. That the stalls would be 12 by 12.

25 Q. You used the term 12 by 12, is that correct?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. All right. What does that mean? Tell Judge
3 Harley what that means when you say 12 by 12.

4 A. In a pole building, the poles are normally set
5 on either eight, 10, 12, 14-foot centers because that's
6 the standard lumber lengths. Commonly, in horse barns,
7 the poles are set on 12-foot centers because we do 12 by
8 12 stalls for the horses.

9 Q. I'm going to interrupt you. Is that the
10 centers that these poles were set for Dr. Tummillo's
11 barn?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. And Judge Harley, I'm sure, knows, but define
14 what you mean when you say on center.

15 A. On center would be the measurement from the
16 center of one pole to the center of the next pole.

17 Q. 12 feet from each other to the other?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. All right. Okay. So, continue then. I
20 didn't mean to interrupt you.

21 A. When you're doing a barn, the poles are set on
22 12-foot centers and the poles that actually support the
23 roof are the same poles that you use to build the box
24 for -- that the horse will be in that we call the stall.

25 Q. The stall.

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. All right. So, the 12-foot centers define the
3 size of the stall, is that correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. But then you get into the interior
6 construction and what happens?

7 A. When you start adding the stuff you need to
8 securely house a horse, it unfortunately takes away from
9 the dimensions.

10 Q. Takes away from what?

11 A. The dimensions.

12 Q. It reduces the interior dimensions, is that
13 correct?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. All right. So, what you're telling the Court
16 is ultimately, even though they're called 12 by 12's --
17 and they're not called 12 foot by 12 foot, are they?

18 A. No, sir.

19 Q. They're called 12 by 12's, is that right?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. Ultimately, end product results in an interior
22 dimension less -- actually less than 12 feet by 12 feet,
23 is that correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. All right. So, 12 by 12, is it fair to say,

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1 describes an approximate size of the stalls?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. It does not mean every stall is going to be 12
4 foot by 12 foot, is that correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Why do you call them 12 by 12's then?

7 A. I don't know what else you'd call them.

8 Q. All right. Because there's going to be a
9 variance, right?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. How else would you describe the size of that
12 stall if you didn't pick a number?

13 A. You would have to go by very specifically and
14 label each stall size because the variances so far is
15 11-6 and a half by 11-7.

16 Q. In fact, one of the exhibits we're going to
17 have produced today is some measurements from -- maybe
18 provide to Dr. Tumillo -- they're a whole host -- you
19 may not have seen this, but a whole host of different
20 dimensions and measurements, is that correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Is it fair to say when you're talking about a
23 12-foot stall, you're referring generically to the stall
24 itself and not the actual measurement?

25 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. How else do you think you could adequately
2 describe the size of the stall to somebody if you
3 couldn't just call it a round number?

4 A. I'm not sure there would be a good way to.

5 Q. All right. Now, is this a common usage or
6 term in the horse industry?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. When you try to define the size of the stall?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Are there other stall sizes that are referred
11 to?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. For example?

14 A. I've built a barn with 10 by 10 stalls. I've
15 done 12 by 14, I've done 14 by 14.

16 Q. Did they measure out actually 10 by 10 feet?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. Actually measure out 14 by 14 feet?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Did you trust that Dr. Tumillo understood
21 what a 12 by 12 was?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Why?

24 A. Well, she considered her expert in the field.
25 She did have race horses. I knew she was familiar with

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1 horses so I trust that she'd just understand the term.

2 Q. All right. Chris, would it have been possible
3 -- would it have been possible for you to construct a
4 barn with stalls that actually measured 12 feet by 12
5 feet under the terms of the contract with products and
6 materials used in the cost of this project?

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. Explain to him why not.

9 A. The reason the pole buildings are efficient is
10 you use standard lumber lengths. Your poles are set on
11 12-foot centers because you use 12-foot boards. Of
12 course, each end of the board has to be nailed to the
13 pole. And if there was 12 foot between the poles, a 12-
14 foot board would not, of course, reach either end and in
15 order to achieve that, you would have to buy 14 foot
16 material, cut a foot and a half off to keep the 12-foot
17 dimension between the poles and basically waste it.

18 Q. And the centers wouldn't even put 12 foot at
19 that point, would they?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. All right. And it would increase,
22 significantly, the cost of the project, correct?

23 A. Yes, sir. It would drive the cost up probably
24 15, maybe 20 percent.

25 Q. And in Dr. Tummillo's situation, have you

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1 estimated the increase in cost off that \$358,000 figure
2 that if, in fact, you were required or you would have
3 had to have built stalls that actually measured out 12
4 feet by 12 feet?

5 A. I don't have a total number but it would
6 probably be 15 percent, at least.

7 Q. All right. 15 percent increase, is that
8 correct?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Now, I think when we talk about some of these
11 lumber sizes and product sizes, we talk about something
12 called nominal sizes, is that correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And you've been working in construction for a
15 while?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. All right. Are there other examples of
18 nominal sizes in the construction industry?

19 A. Yes, sir. Most all of them --

20 Q. Give some of them to Judge Harvey.

21 A. Most all lumber -- of course, the six by six
22 structures that we've been referring to actually measure
23 five and a half by five and a half.

24 Q. What's the most common one that you deal with
25 and perhaps even lay people deal with?

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1 A. Two by six or two by fours.

2 Q. All right. And when you're talking about a
3 two by four, you're talking about studs that may be used
4 in any type of residence or similar buildings, is that
5 correct?

6 A. That's correct. Pool houses, houses, barns.

7 Q. And if I go get a two by four from Home Depot
8 down the street and put a tape on it, a tape measure,
9 what am I going to find?

10 A. It's going to measure a inch and a half wide
11 by three and a half inches.

12 Q. All right. And you mentioned purlins earlier.
13 Purlins that you use --

14 A. Purlins is the term of the structure we use
15 between the trusses.

16 Q. All right. To put your nail or screw the roof
17 into?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. What size are those?

20 A. They are two by six.

21 Q. You call them two by sixes, but are they
22 actually two by six?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. What do they measure out actually?

25 A. They are a inch and a half wide and five and a

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1 half inches tall.

2 Q. And if you went to your contractor and said,
3 "I want the inch and a half wide or an inch and three-
4 quarter wide," he wouldn't know what you're talking
5 about, would you?

6 A. They would ask, "Are you talking about a two
7 by six?"

8 Q. Okay, all right. Okay. But you believe that
9 when people refer to 10 by 10 stalls or 12 by 12 stalls
10 or 14 by 14 stalls, that they're giving an approximate
11 size?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. Okay. Are you aware of other examples of the
14 manufacturing business where you deal with nominal
15 sizes?

16 A. Yes, sir. Televisions are one. The box will
17 say it's a 60-inch TV but that's from corner to corner,
18 of course, and it doesn't specify on the box.

19 Q. What else?

20 A. Tires, for instance. A 33-inch radial tire
21 does not measure 33 inches tall. It will be somewhere
22 between 31 and 32 and a half.

23 Q. So, this nominal size thing is not an unusual
24 concept, is it?

25 A. No, sir.

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1 Q. In your mind? Is that fair?

2 A. That's fair.

3 Q. What size, Chris, are the stalls -- and we're
4 talking about 40 of them, now.

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. What are the sizes of the stalls, interior
7 dimensions of the stalls at Dr. Tummillo's barn?

8 A. They're variable.

9 Q. All right. And you've been out there and Mr.
10 Cooper's been out there and got kind of a range. What
11 is the range that you found?

12 A. We did not measure all of them. The range we
13 found was probably between 11-3 to 11-9.

14 Q. Do you think you did enough of a survey to
15 make sure that you've got stalls that are represented by
16 that testimony? That's a bad question. Do you feel
17 comfortable in telling Judge Harvey today that you've
18 got a comfortable range --

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. -- by the number of ones that you actually
21 measured?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. 40 stalls is a big barn, isn't it?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. All right. Do any of the stalls at her barn

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1 measure below 11 feet?

2 A. They did not, as of January 5th, 2009.

3 Q. All right. Some of them may, to date, measure
4 below 11 feet, is that correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Why is that? It didn't shrink, did it?

7 A. Not enough to tell by a tape measure.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. The stalls had had some other wood that was
10 added to the inside dimensions of them.

11 Q. All right. And who have you understood
12 installed that additional wood in the interior of the
13 stall to again would at that point reduce the interior
14 dimension?

15 A. From my understanding, it was Mike Tumnillo.

16 Q. Mike who's here with us, here today, is that
17 correct?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And do you know why that was done?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. All right. And I think we've talked about
22 this. You know, when you talk about 12 by 12's, is
23 there any other way really that you can describe it
24 because of the variance and the -- variances and actual
25 measurements?

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1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. Chris, did Dr. Tummillo ever tell you that she
3 wanted every stall to measure out at least actually 12
4 foot by 12 foot?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. Did you ever promise Dr. Tummillo that the
7 stalls in her barn would measure exactly 12 foot by 12
8 foot?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. Do you believe that you fulfilled the terms of
11 the contract with respect to stall size?

12 A. Other than being able to actually complete the
13 barn, yes, sir.

14 Q. All right. We'll talk about that a little bit
15 more. All right, let's talk a little bit more about
16 some of the other construction aspects of the barn we
17 have here. And I'm going to talk in particular about
18 the roof structure, okay?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. All right. Can you -- the roof, I think, is
21 depicted in the photographs. First, what is the type of
22 roof material for this barn?

23 A. It's a metal commonly called an ag panel.

24 THE COURT: Ag panel?

25 THE WITNESS: Ag panel.

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1 problem?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Have you had to go back on other projects even
4 after you've left the job, completed a job?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. To do some fix-up?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Do what they call work on a punch list, is
9 that correct?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. All right.

12 A. Sometimes a screw will properly seat itself
13 for months but, of course, the wood we're using is pine
14 and has knots in it and with the expansion and
15 contraction with the heat that the roof gets, sometimes,
16 if you hit close to the knot, the expansion and
17 contraction with a screw in the wood will actually pop
18 the knot and a screw, and it can start leaking months,
19 years afterwards.

20 Q. Chris, you kind of take the position that you
21 left this job because you weren't being paid, is that
22 correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Is that the bottom line?

25 A. That's correct. There was a draw due that had

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1 done after you completed the project, the follow up,
2 correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. You would have been willing to do that, is
5 that correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. All right. Then let's talk if we could about
8 your claim for damages in this case and also the
9 mechanics lien. I want to show you Exhibit Number 17.
10 Here it is. Hand that to Judge Harvey.

11 THE COURT: 17 without objection.

12 Q. [Mr. McCants] Now, are you with me, Chris?

13 A. I haven't found it yet.

14 MR. DICKERT: Wait a minute, Clarke. I'm not
15 with you. I don't --

16 MR. McCANTS: It's just a lien I filed. You
17 want a copy of it?

18 Q. [Mr. McCants] You just had it.

19 A. Yeah, it's on the top of this one.

20 Q. You got it?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. All right. Let me talk to you about these
23 numbers, okay?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. The original contract price is listed there.

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1 \$358,379. Is that correct?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. All right. Now, subtracted from that is
4 what's called a contract deletion. What was that for,
5 Chris?

6 A. The original contract was for the 45-stall
7 barn. And after the contract was signed, they had
8 decided that there was not enough room for some kind of
9 horse equipment, and they want to delete the middle
10 wing.

11 Q. And that's where those five stalls were?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. In that middle wing?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Which was deleted to the tune of \$38,115. Is
16 that correct?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. All right. And then the next thing that's
19 noted is the payments. Those are the payments that have
20 been made by Dr. Tummlillo, is that correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. And the total there is \$191,513.70, is that
23 correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. All right. Now, that would have left a total

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1 and you've got on the lien 75 percent of the total --

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. You are not claiming the total balance after
4 you subtract the contract at least in the payments from
5 that \$358,000 figure, are you?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. You're only claiming 75 percent of it, is that
8 correct?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. Explain to Judge Harvey why.

11 A. I've never taken all of my money for a job
12 until we're 100 percent complete.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I don't feel that's fair.

15 Q. Don't feel it's fair?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. All right. So, you didn't ask for the balance
18 of the contract price. You wanted to get paid, you
19 believe, for what you had done and also the materials
20 that had been provided, is that correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Then we've got some change orders, is that
23 correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. And do you have your notes with regard to the

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1 problem with the stall size?

2 A. Not in November, no, sir.

3 Q. When did that come up?

4 A. That come up the first of January.

5 Q. All right. Well, it came up -- you know,
6 there was never -- there was clearly a point at which
7 before you left the job that there was an argument and
8 discussion about the stall size being inadequate, wasn't
9 there?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. Okay. All right. Now, you'll admit that
12 there is the number of stalls as well as the size of the
13 stall is not part of your purchase order agreement,
14 would you agree?

15 A. Rephrase the question now.

16 Q. The size of the stall is nowhere in that
17 purchase order agreement?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. Okay. And you will also agree that you had an
20 agreement for the stalls to be 12 by 12?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. All right. And there's no dispute, Mr. Key,
23 that the stalls do not measure 12 by 12, is there?

24 A. Depends on which way you measure them.

25 Q. Well, I asked you in your deposition if you

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And what -- the way you measure 12 by 12 is
3 from center post to center post?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. So, you would have, I'm assuming, maybe three
6 or four inches? Is that a fair statement of how much
7 reduction you should have based upon that measurement?

8 A. It depends on the layout and the type of wood
9 you're using, yes, sir.

10 Q. Okay. Well, what wood do you think you had
11 out there?

12 A. They were anywhere, I would say, between 11-3
13 to 11-6.

14 Q. All right. So, six to nine inches? That
15 would be all you would expect if the posts were 12 by 12
16 center posts, correct?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. So, you wouldn't expect a 10-9 or a 10-10,
19 would you?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. Okay. But you don't have any measurements to
22 refute the fact that there are stalls out there that
23 that's the dimensions?

24 A. We did not write them down, no, sir.

25 Q. Okay. Now, when you started negotiating this

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1 matter with Dr. Tummillo, she indicated to you very much
2 the desire to get this barn completed as soon as
3 possible, didn't she?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. And she was in a real hurry to get it done and
6 she mentioned the date November, didn't she?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. All right. And she even paid a premium price
9 or agreed to a premium price so we could get this barn
10 done early, didn't she?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. She did not? You did not agree to raise the
13 price -- she did not agree to a higher price in order to
14 get this barn done in November?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. The building pad, you've testified, needed to
17 be completed before you could do your work, correct?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. You would -- would you dispute the fact that
20 the building pad was completed before the first of
21 September --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- and Dr. Tummillo paid the contractor on
24 9/4? Would you dispute the fact that the pad was
25 completed by the first of September?

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1 A. I believe so, yes, sir.

2 Q. You would dispute it or not?

3 A. I didn't go out there until later in September
4 when I noticed it was finally installed.

5 Q. Okay. And you were on another job in
6 September, weren't you?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And you didn't start until a month -- until
9 October the 2nd, I believe, is your testimony, correct?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. So, that's a month into -- the work was not
12 actually begun on a contract that she wanted to be
13 completed in November until October 2nd, is that
14 correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. Now, we've talked a lot today, or you've
17 talked a lot, about what the construction business
18 refers to as approximate measurements or whatever in
19 terms of you say a 12 by 12 isn't really a 12 by 12,
20 correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Okay. Did you have that discussion with Dr.
23 Tummillo?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. You just assumed she figured it was 12 by 12

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And Dr. Tummillo's barn is by far the largest
3 barn that Elite has ever worked on, is that correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. I think you -- I asked you about some barns
6 that you did. You did a barn for Mr. Bard. I think the
7 was a four-stall barn, correct?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. You did a barn for Mr. Wilson which was a six-
10 stall barn?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. And you did a 16-stall barn for Justin Pimsner
13 and Mary Guynn. And before that, wouldn't that have
14 been the largest barn that Elite Construction had ever
15 done, before this barn?

16 A. I believe so, yes, sir.

17 Q. All right, sir. Now, when you -- we agreed
18 and I think you testified that when you signed this
19 contract, that Dr. Tummillo gave you a check for
20 \$407,513.70. You got that check sometime in July?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. All right, sir. And as I said, no work was
23 done until October?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. The building permit was issued on October the

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1 2nd?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. And you agreed to finish the job just as soon
4 as possible?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. You didn't finish the job in January, did
7 you?

8 A. No, sir.

9 Q. The job wasn't finished?

10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. You got one check in July. You started in
12 November. I'm sorry, started in October. And on
13 November the 24th, you got another check for \$84,000,
14 right?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. That was your second draw?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Okay. And you left the job on January the
19 5th, 2009?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. Now, you would also agree with me that while
22 the contract price -- and I think you testified to this
23 earlier -- was \$358,000 and some odd change that that
24 price was reduced by \$38,115 because you took five
25 stalls out?

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1 might have been improperly fixed that need to be
2 replaced, would you dispute his testimony?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Okay, all right. Now, if I could call your
5 attention, I'm not sure what exhibit the -- Mr. -- Mr.
6 Tumnillo's -- oh, here it is -- oh, yeah, I'm sorry.
7 Let me ask you to go back a little bit. Mr. McCants
8 asked you about Plaintiff's Exhibit 16. Is that 16? Is
9 that correct?

10 A. Yes, sir. That's correct, 16.

11 Q. Is that the one with the numbers?

12 A. That's the one with the prices.

13 Q. All right. So, I think we've already
14 established to some extent, at least -- with regard to
15 some change orders that there's some portion of the
16 change order that's included on that 23,000 was work
17 that was not completed. When you departed the jobsite
18 -- and that was your decision to depart the jobsite?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Nobody ran you off the jobsite?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. I mean, nobody said, you know, "We don't want
23 you back"?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. Okay. That Mr. Tumnillo will testify later

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1 Q. Chris, Mr. Dickert did take your deposition
2 and, again, we talked about this 12 foot by 12 foot as
3 opposed to 12 by 12. In your mind, and tell Judge
4 Harvey, is there a difference between the term 12 foot
5 by 12 foot and a, quote, 12 by 12?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. What's the difference?

8 A. A 12 by 12 is just a layman term for
9 approximate and exactly 12 by 12 is exactly 12 foot by
10 12 foot.

11 Q. If you use the word "foot," that's a
12 measurement, right?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. The term bandied between you and Dr. Tumillo
15 was, what, 12 by 12 or 12 foot by 12 foot?

16 A. 12 by 12.

17 Q. All right, sir. And do you remember how I
18 asked you at your deposition to clarify that after he
19 tried to hogtie you and say 12 by 12 is 12 foot by 12
20 foot?

21 A. That's right.

22 MR. McCANTS: I can read it if you want me
23 too, Judge.

24 THE COURT: Let's see, we've talked about
25 cows, horses and now hogs.

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. All right. The last time you worked was
3 January 5 of 2009, is that correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. And as part of this case, you've visited that
6 barn on several occasions?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. To inspect it with me and with Mr. Cooper,
9 correct?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And you've looked inside those stalls,
12 correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And has there been wood added to the interior
15 of these stalls?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And would that decrease the interior
18 dimensions?

19 A. Of course, yes, sir.

20 Q. Do you know when these measurements that you
21 just looked at were taken?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. You've done enough of a sample where you feel
24 comfortable telling The Court that it's in the range
25 you've previously testified to, is that fair?

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JERRY DEAN COOPER

having first been duly sworn, took the stand
and testified as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. McCANTS:

Q. Mr. Cooper, will you state your full name for
our record, please, sir?

A. Jerry Dean Cooper.

Q. And you, of course, as we've indicated, go by
JD, is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. Where do you reside, JD?

A. In Aiken.

Q. And how are you employed at the present time?

A. Self-employed.

Q. And do you have a business name or do you go
under your personal name at the present time?

A. The name of my business is JDC Construction
and Management, LLC d/b/a Cooper Home and Stable.

Q. All right. What's your educational
background?

A. Graduate of Auburn University with a BS in

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1 business and minor in building technology.

2 Q. All right, sir. And you hold some licenses
3 yourself. What licenses do you hold at the present
4 time?

5 A. I hold an unlimited general contractor's
6 license. I hold a residential contractor's license and
7 a broker's real estate license all in the State of South
8 Carolina.

9 Q. All right. Now, you've got a professional
10 resume or a CV. Do you have it with you?

11 A. Yes, I do.

12 Q. Tell Judge Harvey a little bit about your
13 professional work history and whatnot.

14 A. Beginning in 1972, I had my own building
15 company in Louisville, Kentucky where I was a general
16 contractor.

17 Q. All right, sir.

18 A. And built high-end custom homes there as well
19 as developed single family residential developments
20 including golf courses, built condominiums, converted
21 apartments to condominiums; have resided here in Aiken
22 County for six years specializing in custom homes and
23 barns and the developments -- development of farms.

24 Q. Has it --

25 A. Primarily -- I'm sorry.

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1 Q. -- been a pretty active area of business in
2 Aiken and Barnwell Counties recently?

3 A. It's been very good in the equestrian sector,
4 yes.

5 Q. All right, sir. Okay. What other significant
6 work history other than the aspect of construction that
7 you've mentioned? You do a lot of renovation work too,
8 don't you?

9 A. Oh, yeah. Historic renovation, remodels, room
10 additions. Have been a member of the Home Builders
11 Association of Kentucky and served on it. Been a Board
12 of Directors for a number of years there.

13 Q. All right, sir. Do you know what a pole barn
14 is?

15 A. I do.

16 Q. Have you ever designed and constructed a pole
17 barn?

18 A. I have.

19 Q. How many in your career?

20 A. I've probably done 20 plus here in Aiken
21 County and half a dozen up in Kentucky.

22 Q. Are you familiar with the construction
23 practices for building these types of barns?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Are you familiar with the type and choice of

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1 materials and products to be used to build pole barns?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And have you had experience in maintaining
4 pole barns which have been constructed?

5 A. I have, yes.

6 Q. And, of course, barns have been around as long
7 as man or woman has needed to protect livestock and
8 animals and store equipment. They're a unique kind of
9 structure, is that correct?

10 A. Correct, yes, they are.

11 Q. Where is the pole barn found? Because we've
12 seen barns of all shapes and sizes. Where does the pole
13 barn fall in that spectrum?

14 A. I would say that the pole barn design and
15 construction has been around for about 30-some years
16 with the creation of the wood truss. It's been
17 manufactured and created on large scale allowing you to
18 use dimensional lumber in its two-foot incremental
19 sizes, which is the way lumber is produced in two-foot
20 -- two-foot incremental sections.

21 Q. Is it a very common barn?

22 A. Extremely.

23 Q. It's a working man's barn, is that correct?

24 A. That is correct.

25 Q. It's a good product though?

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1 A. Very cost effective and it does the job.

2 Q. Okay. You have also worked and had personal
3 and professional experience in the horse industry
4 itself, is that correct?

5 A. I have.

6 Q. Tell Judge Harvey a little bit about that.

7 A. I have been involved in the equestrian sport
8 of polo for 30-some years, 32 years now, and have bred,
9 raised, trained and played polo and currently I still
10 play polo and keep a string of horses.

11 Q. We call them strings of polo ponies, something
12 like that, but what type of horses are these in
13 actuality?

14 A. They're thoroughbreds. They're American
15 thoroughbred horses.

16 Q. All right. And you have -- like you've said,
17 you've overseen the care and boarding of that type of
18 animal for a long time, is that correct?

19 A. Day-in, day-out, yes, sir.

20 Q. You've boarded them in your own barns?

21 A. I do presently, yes.

22 Q. Okay. And what -- I think we all know what
23 that means, but for the record, what does it mean to
24 board a horse? What's involved with that?

25 A. It's to keep a horse in a stall and/or turn-

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1 Q. Six or seven inches, I guess. Did you see any
2 there that, when you were out there, fell below 11 feet?

3 A. No, I did not, but I did not measure them all.

4 Q. All right. Did you see any of them that would
5 appear to be new wood or interior wood added to them?

6 A. That would be difficult for me to determine,
7 yeah.

8 Q. Okay. You have heard testimony regarding the
9 size of the spaces and the term 12 by 12 and whatnot,
10 okay?

11 A. Um-huh [yes]

12 Q. Describe that term as it's used within the
13 horse industry and within the barn construction
14 business.

15 A. Well, it's a nominal dimension and due to the
16 character and the specification of a pole barn being on
17 center, that timber that becomes the pole takes up a
18 certain amount of space on either side of that center
19 line. In this case, if it's a six by six, it takes up
20 two and three-quarters inches. Then if you apply an
21 interior wall to that six by six on the outside of it,
22 that takes up another inch and a half, so the two and
23 three-quarter and the inch and a half can take up as
24 much as four -- four and a quarter, four to five inches
25 in each direction once you enclose the stall.

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1 Q. All right. So, what you're saying, the term
2 12 by 12 doesn't actually mean you get 12 feet by 12
3 feet; is that fair?

4 A. That would be correct. 12 by 12 is in name
5 only. That's what nominal means.

6 Q. All right. It's like going and asking for a
7 two by four at the lumber yard?

8 A. It's in name only.

9 Q. Right, and you get a two inch by two inch
10 board?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. You don't, do you?

13 A. Nope.

14 Q. All right. Would you expect anybody working
15 regularly within the horse industry and boarding horses,
16 certainly engaging in the construction of a barn, to
17 understand that concept; that is, name only, nominal
18 size, 10 by 10 stall, 12 by 12, 14 by 14, based on your
19 experience? Would you?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. All right. And, you know, you're not only
22 basing this on experience. I asked you to do some
23 research on this, didn't I?

24 A. Um-huh [yes]. You did.

25 Q. Tell The Court what you found in that regard.

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1 A. The University of Pennsylvania, which I have
2 used before in their Ag Sciences Services Division of
3 the University, has a veterinarian school and I've
4 consulted with it a number of times on ventilation for
5 barns; proper ventilation, which is important. And I
6 went back to it to look at stall sizes and it recommends
7 that a stall size be one and one half times the size of
8 a horse. Well, a horse is anywhere from seven to eight
9 feet so that gives you a range of 10 to 12 feet. I also
10 looked at the -- the Canadian Agricultural Services
11 Council and they recommend that a loose box of 10 foot
12 by 10 foot to 12 foot by 12 foot for an average size
13 riding horse be used. And in another service,
14 StableWise - Horse Farm Planning, it's an outfit that
15 does barn plans, states that typically a 12 foot by 12
16 foot stall is considered adequate for all horses. The
17 actual dimensions are more like 11 foot six by 11 foot
18 six because of standard lumber lengths.

19 Q. What is that resource reference again?

20 A. StableWise Horse Farm Planning.

21 Q. That seems to recognize the nominal name in
22 context of construction.

23 A. It does.

24 Q. In other words, calling it one thing but
25 realizing, because of building products, you may be

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1 facing an actual dimension less, is that fair?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. All right. And in particular, the Penn State
4 reference that you've talked about, I've looked at it
5 with you, and if I'm understanding it correctly, they
6 say 12 foot by 12 foot is the standard recommendation
7 for a 1000-pound horse, but many stables are successful
8 with stalls slightly smaller than this, but walls less
9 than 10 feet in length are not recommended, is that
10 correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. All right. So, what I'm seeing here is as
13 much as possibly a two foot variance is adequate?

14 A. That is correct.

15 Q. All right. So, in that range, and within your
16 experience and in your opinion, within that 10 to 12
17 foot range, is that adequate to board, house or protect
18 a large animal to include a horse?

19 A. My experience has been that it does, yes.
20 It's adequate.

21 Q. But from a practical aspect, what is the
22 difference, given your experience with thoroughbred
23 horses and animals, does -- help me out or help The
24 Court out. Does six or seven inches make a huge
25 difference? Does that -- is that a factor?

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1 A. Well, in building codes, it does for people
2 for sure. There are no codes for horses.

3 Q. All right.

4 A. So, it's a -- it's a generally accepted
5 practice term as to each individual's thoughts and
6 practices on how they should house their horses.

7 Q. You don't have a problem keeping one of your
8 thoroughbreds in a 11 and a half by 11 and a half, do
9 you?

10 A. No, they're comfortable in them.

11 Q. All right. How about 11 by 11, you're okay
12 with that?

13 A. It's fine.

14 Q. All right, sir. And you heard Chris's
15 testimony about giving the contract building materials
16 chosen and whatnot. Was it possible to build stalls at
17 Dr. Tummino's property that actually measured out 12
18 foot by 12 foot?

19 A. He would not be able to on a 12 foot on center
20 pole barn.

21 Q. All right. And in order to produce actual 12
22 foot by 12 foot stalls, how much more would this project
23 have cost, in your estimation?

24 A. 15 to 20 percent.

25 Q. Above the contract price?

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. All right. Generally then, Mr. Cooper, we've
3 got a barn. In your opinion, was it constructed in
4 accordance with standard accepted building practices and
5 does it show evidence of quality workmanship?

6 A. It was good workmanship throughout.

7 Q. You have no problem with it?

8 A. I had none.

9 Q. All right. Those are all the questions I
10 have. Thank you, Mr. Cooper.

11 THE COURT: Anything on cross?

12 MR. DICKERT: All right.

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14 CROSS EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. DICKERT:

16 Q. Mr. Cooper, how are you today?

17 A. Good; how are you, sir?

18 Q. Fine.

19 A. Good.

20 Q. Would you want to put an eight foot horse in a
21 10 foot stall?

22 A. I have.

23 Q. You have, okay. The question is would you
24 want to do that? Is that ideal?

25 A. I'd prefer to put him in a two-acre pasture.

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1 measurements of some other stalls, I think, did you not?

2 A. I did.

3 Q. And HD Training, Wellspring, Whitney, Legacy,
4 and most of those units, if I recall, that -- at least
5 one dimension on a number of those was at least 12 feet
6 and some of them, Whitney and Legacy, was as much as 14
7 feet, is that right?

8 A. That is true.

9 Q. Okay. And you would agree, I think, as you've
10 testified, that the standard recommended stall size for
11 a 1000-pound horse is 12 foot by 12 foot stall,
12 correct?

13 A. Well, down to -- I would agree with that with
14 a minimum of down to 10 by 10.

15 Q. I see. But you would -- all right, you said
16 that the Penn State College of Agriculture Science is
17 something you rely upon, I believe, is that right?

18 A. I do use it as reference, yes.

19 Q. And you wouldn't argue, I don't think, that it
20 says a 12 foot by 12 foot stall is the standard
21 recommendation for a 1000-pound horse?

22 A. It does state that.

23 Q. And it says foot, doesn't it? It doesn't say
24 12 by 12?

25 A. It does. It also says a 1000-pound horse, and

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1 most of these thoroughbreds are eight and nine hundred
2 pounds.

3 Q. Okay. All right. But I think you also said
4 that it -- that it should be one and a half times the
5 length of the horse?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. And you would agree with me, I think -- you
8 did, at least from the standpoint of my math that if you
9 have an eight-foot horse in a 12-foot space and you cut
10 a foot off that, then you've cut off at least 25 percent
11 of the available space, is that correct?

12 A. That would be true.

13 Q. Okay. And you would also agree that with
14 regard to construction of a barn that what is the size
15 of the stall is a matter of agreement between the
16 parties, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. You did find some problems with the
19 roof when you inspected it?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And I think you had recommended, at least on
22 the west wing, that there is at least one ridge cap that
23 you found you thought needed to be extended, that there
24 was not enough overlap?

25 A. It's questionable as to whether there is, yes,

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1 Q. Sure, okay. And I think I've already asked
2 you, but I -- just to make sure, you didn't visit the
3 site until a number of months after Mr. Key was off?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And you, therefore, have not attempted to make
6 any assessment as to what it might have taken to finish
7 the job when Mr. Key's firm left in January of 2009?
8 That's not something you sought an opinion about, was
9 it?

10 A. No, I have not been asked to do that.

11 Q. And would you agree also that from your
12 experience in the contracting industry and business that
13 when a contractor has not finished a job and someone
14 else has to come in and pick up the slack so to speak
15 and finish it that that -- that a person who takes over
16 responsibility is going to be a little bit more
17 difficult for that person and maybe even expensive than
18 it would for the original contractor to finish it?

19 A. There could be an initial learning curve, but
20 once it's determined what the work is to be done, it's
21 done like any other job.

22 Q. All right, sir.

23 MR. DICKERT: Give me just a minute, Your
24 Honor. I think I'm -- may be all I have of this
25 witness.

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1 A. Two barns.

2 Q. Okay, all right. Let me ask you how you
3 decided to build this facility that's the subject of
4 this dispute, Dr. Tummillo?

5 A. Well, Aiken is very rich into thoroughbreds.
6 We have the Aiken Training Track here. It used to be
7 the winter home and Aiken is noted for training the
8 yearlings and getting them ready to go off to the race
9 track. That's what we're noted for. The climate here
10 is good; they can train year round. The footing is
11 excellent. It's the perfect place to raise a baby.

12 Q. All right. And how did you get in contact
13 with Mr. Key at Elite Construction?

14 A. Actually, it was by a person by the name of
15 James Nunnemaker.

16 Q. Okay. And you had some meetings with Mr. Key
17 to discuss construction of the -- of this project?

18 A. I believe there were three meetings.

19 Q. All right. Where were those meetings?

20 A. I think they were all at the house. I saw the
21 one barn but that was really to look at at Mary Guynn's
22 and then --

23 Q. What --

24 A. -- I think --

25 Q. Was there any reason you wanted to look at Ms.

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1 racing, it's usually a 12 by 12 are the interior
2 diameter meaning that you get a full 144 square feet.
3 That we went over specifically. We went over things on
4 how there is nothing to show so they can't crib, so they
5 can't get hurt. We went over that in enormous detail
6 and also even like how the doors would open so you don't
7 -- when they swing out you don't hit somebody. There
8 are certain ways so you don't hang out in the aisle when
9 that happens. And then the shed row was -- was
10 particularly important also because of the training
11 aspect.

12 Q. Okay. And was there an agreement that the
13 stalls' interior space would be 12 by 12 in interior
14 space feet?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And that was -- was that clear in your mind?

17 A. Several times.

18 Q. Okay. Did he ever have any discussion with
19 you about the fact that 12 by 12 didn't really mean 12
20 by 12, or there was some other way to measure that?

21 A. Never.

22 Q. Okay. All right, and we've -- you've
23 identified -- I think Mr. McCants has introduced the
24 purchase contract, Plaintiff's -- Defendant's Exhibit
25 Number 9 --

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1 MR. DICKERT: But I don't know what your
2 exhibit is but it's already in the record.

3 Q. [Mr. Dickert] But you recognize what that is?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. It is the contract that was entered into.

6 Now, when you talked to Mr. Key, were you in a hurry to
7 get this job done?

8 A. We wanted to open by November.

9 Q. And what's the reason for wanting to open by
10 November?

11 A. The season usually starts anywhere from
12 November to December, the last week, till the end of
13 April and that's when everybody comes in. So it's the
14 right time for when everybody was coming back to be able
15 to get business started.

16 Q. If you delayed unnecessarily past November,
17 what does that mean as far as your ability to lease
18 those spaces?

19 A. We lose the whole season. Because once
20 someone goes, they're not going to move.

21 Q. Okay. Did he understand that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. All right. Now, the -- the price -- was there
24 any element of price that was affected by the desire to
25 move this project along quickly?

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1 A. That was the total price. That's why it was
2 higher because he said he built in the overtime that it
3 would take in order to get this done.

4 Q. Okay. All right. Now, when you signed the
5 contract, did you pay him anything?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. How much?

8 A. Whatever the check was made for, 107.

9 Q. Okay. And whatever is already in the record
10 is established, is that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, was there a -- was it ready to start then
13 or were you able to start then?

14 A. No, he was not able to start then because the
15 pad was not complete yet.

16 Q. When was the pad finished?

17 A. It had to be done before September, like at
18 the end -- right before, probably, the first weekend
19 because all the material came from the track and they
20 didn't finish the track until probably September 4th so
21 all that had to be moved out for them to finish that
22 back part.

23 Q. Do you know when you paid for that?

24 A. I think it was September 4th through the --

25 Q. Okay, so they were done by then, or before

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1 that?

2 A. Right. The pad was done before that.

3 Q. Was there any reason why Elite Construction
4 couldn't have started the project on September the 4th
5 or September the 5th?

6 A. He said he was unable to.

7 Q. For what reason did he give you?

8 A. He said he was busy.

9 Q. Okay. And he testified, I believe, he started
10 October the 2nd. Is that about right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And I know you have a busy schedule, Doctor,
13 in practice, but did you periodically go out there to
14 see what was going on?

15 A. Yeah, I go by it every morning when I feed.

16 Q. Did you encounter him on the job very often?

17 A. They were almost never there in the morning
18 when I was there. I would -- I would leave the barn
19 probably anywhere between 6:30 and 8 and I feed at 6.

20 Q. Did you have anybody that was trying to
21 monitor at this stage, and I'm talking about
22 October/November, anybody that was steady monitoring
23 progress on your behalf?

24 A. Not really.

25 Q. Okay. Now, we've had some discussion about

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1 then and the first of the year?

2 A. I paid much more attention when things weren't
3 right and that -- when I gave him that draw. And that,
4 I found out shortly afterwards.

5 Q. So, how long after you think November --

6 A. Probably --

7 Q. -- you would have discovered that there was a
8 problem with the stalls?

9 A. I think about two weeks.

10 Q. Did you discuss that with Mr. Key?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What did you tell him?

13 A. I asked him, you know, what happened was that
14 there was problems and I asked where the problems and we
15 had several discussions on how to try to fix this.
16 There really wasn't any way to fix it because
17 everything's off. Nothing is what it should be.
18 Everything is -- you can't do it then if you -- any way
19 to fix it, you'd either have to tear something down --
20 there's really no way to fix it, not without
21 compromising something else. And the whole barn was
22 designed with certain dimensions for ease of use and
23 training. So, if you cut into the aisleway, then they
24 can't move. You can't go out because you cut into the
25 shed row, so -- but even all of this, you'd have to take

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1 \$84,000 draw on November 14, did you?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you think, to your knowledge, that Mike
4 ever asked him to leave the property?

5 A. I never had anything to do with him again.

6 Q. Okay. Have you solved the problems with the
7 stall size?

8 A. They're not solvable unless you take it down.

9 Q. All right. And why is this such an important
10 issue for you?

11 A. We're --

12 Q. I mean, you've heard all the testimony today.

13 A. Right.

14 Q. We've talked, "Well, it's about 12, maybe it's
15 11 and a half, 11-6, 11-9." What's the significance of
16 having 12 feet by 12 feet?

17 A. This is a business. This is not a hobby, this
18 is a business. You know, this is the standard. Whether
19 -- it's not a play horse. This is what people do for
20 their livelihood. They expect that. They expect enough
21 space for their animal to be in. It's very important
22 because, otherwise, they can get casted in the stall
23 which means they get stuck. If they get stuck, they
24 could die. That's why people have watch -- night
25 watches that go around and check on these horses all

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1 night long. They're a little bit different because,
2 remember, there are -- there -- things to make them fast
3 and hot so when they're in the stall, they can get
4 injured. If you don't have enough space, they're truly
5 going to get hurt.

6 Q. When Mr. Key and his company left, who had the
7 responsibility to try to finish the job?

8 A. I got Mike to do it.

9 Q. At least for that time, did you give up on the
10 stall size issue?

11 A. Oh, I said -- there's no way to correct it, so
12 we just had to try to finish. I wanted to try to get
13 whatever I could to get open. I was losing money. I
14 just said we just have to try to get just -- just
15 something complete that I can do something with it.

16 Q. Was Mike also involved in construction of
17 other barns on the property at this time?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And how many of those stalls were built -- how
20 many other barns he was involved in himself?

21 A. Three other barns, 21 stalls and three tack
22 rooms.

23 Q. And the interior dimensions of those stalls
24 are what?

25 A. 12 by 12. They're actually a little bit --

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1 lumber to finish all the stalls. We had to get -- I had
2 to get some -- I got some extra liability insurance when
3 people were working. And then we spent a lot of
4 materials and then there's the stall gates and then it
5 sums up to the money that I paid on materials. And then
6 the next part after that is that when I figured up when
7 we measured all the stalls, you know, it was supposed to
8 be 12 by 12 material, I calculated up the square footage
9 that he shorted me on, which would have been 778.1.
10 Now, that's if you do it by the material, not by the --
11 the center, whichever --

12 Q. The center post?

13 A. Yeah. And so, that's a thing like 43,000
14 worth of --

15 Q. How do you come up with the 43,000 number and
16 lack of space that you --

17 A. You take the 12 by 12, you get 144 square
18 feet. You can multiply that by 40. Then you measure
19 each stall and you calculate out what is there and then
20 you subtract that from what it should be and that's the
21 difference.

22 Q. And how do you come up with the 44,000 --
23 43,000 number?

24 A. When I took his numbers, you know, and went --

25 Q. When you say his numbers, are you talking

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1 about Mr. Key?

2 A. Right. On the contract. And divided that
3 with that offset taken out, and did it per square foot.

4 Q. So, basically, I -- if I can summarize it, you
5 know, if I can take some liberty here and lead the
6 witness as Mr. McCants did this morning, the \$44,000
7 represents the contract price divided by the total
8 amount of square footage and then you take the
9 difference between 12 by 12 per stall and the actual
10 measurements that have been completed which we'll
11 identify later, Dr. Tummillo, is that correct?

12 A. Yes, that's correct.

13 Q. Okay. Describe that exhibit for me. What
14 else do you have there in addition to that cover sheet
15 that you've got in the front that has a summary of the
16 charges?

17 A. Basically I have copies of the checks that I
18 wrote for all of the things that we spent. There's some
19 -- I didn't get to bring the credit card ones but all of
20 the building materials that we have to purchase in order
21 to finish the barn.

22 Q. And that total is how much?

23 A. For the materials or do we want the total?

24 Q. The materials and labor and then we'll ask you
25 for the number --

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1 doesn't run along the side, it actually comes through
2 the roof there. The way that you can see it every time
3 it happens is, when you look at the base of the stall,
4 you get -- where the water has -- because I have stall
5 grids, you can see the water clear the stall grid and
6 travel down. So there's numerous of those, there's at
7 least 12 stalls. It's unacceptable.

8 Q. Okay. Let me go back a little bit, if I can,
9 about Exhibit Number 8. In those expenses that you have
10 and described, the checks and backup documentation, is
11 there any evidence in there of paying this gentleman,
12 Mr. Tummillo, your brother, anything for his work?

13 A. None.

14 Q. Okay. Have you had any problems renting the
15 stalls?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What happened in the year of 2009?

18 A. We were out. We couldn't do any business.

19 Q. Why was that?

20 A. Because of all the problems with the stall.
21 You can't do construction while they're -- you can't do
22 construction while they're training.

23 Q. And have you made any estimate of how much
24 revenue you would have generated from the January
25 through April period if the stalls had been completed in

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1 a timely fashion?

2 A. It would have been -- I forgot -- it's like, I
3 think, 33,000.

4 Q. Okay. How did you come up with that number?

5 A. It's \$10 a day times 40 stalls times 120 days.

6 Q. And that's for January through April?

7 A. Right. I gave it as a --

8 Q. You didn't count December --

9 A. No.

10 Q. -- or November?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Now, you've since been able to rent some of
13 those stalls, haven't you?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And you've rented some of the stalls that your
16 brother, Mike, constructed?

17 A. His were all rented.

18 Q. Those are all rented? Okay. Did you agree to
19 reduce the initial number from 45 to 40 when the
20 contract was signed?

21 A. We had to because there wasn't enough space to
22 put the wing in.

23 Q. Okay. Did you agree to any other change
24 orders? Did you authorize any other change orders on
25 that?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. All right. Just a minute and let me see if
3 there's anything else.

4 MR. DICKERT: That's all I have, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: You may cross.

6 MR. McCANTS: Thank you.

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8 CROSS EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. McCANTS:

10 Q. Dr. Tummillo, the name of your facility, of
11 course, is the Palmetto Thoroughbred Training Center, is
12 that correct?

13 A. Yes, that's correct.

14 Q. And I've taken the liberty of copying some of
15 your website material. Let me ask you to identify it,
16 if I could. This is the one we pulled in April of 2010.
17 Is that your website information from that time frame?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. All right. And could you read the exhibit
20 number down there on the bottom for me, please, Doctor?

21 A. 19.

22 Q. All right, that's Exhibit 19. And, of course,
23 that website is still up to date?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. In fact, I looked at it the other day.

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1 Thoroughbred Training Center is an ongoing business of
2 yours, is that correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Have you told any -- I've looked over the
5 website and I looked over the other media information I
6 have. Have you told any of the potential customers that
7 these stalls are unacceptable?

8 A. I have several 12 by 12 stalls that are
9 available.

10 Q. No, but you -- you have pictures of the barn
11 that Chris built for you on that website, do you agree?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. All right. Have you put a little asterisk or
14 anything below the picture saying, "Some of these stalls
15 are not acceptable"?

16 A. Not unless I would like to go out of business.

17 Q. Well, I understand and that's kind of my
18 question. You haven't told people that you're trying to
19 earn income from -- let me finish my question please if
20 you don't mind. You haven't told anybody who you're
21 trying to earn income from that any part of the barn he
22 constructed is unacceptable; is that a true statement?

23 A. No.

24 Q. It's not true?

25 A. No, it's not true.

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1 Q. Point to where on that marketing and --

2 A. Not on the website, but when I talk to them,
3 yes, and when people come there, I've told them
4 personally and showed them.

5 Q. Why don't you put it on the website then?

6 A. How would you -- how can I pay the mortgage?

7 Q. Well, I'm asking you, don't you think you've
8 got to be fair and honest and up front with --

9 A. I am fair. Everything I've put on here is
10 true. I do have 12 by 12 stalls that are correct -- I
11 have stalls that are correct.

12 Q. Well, it's not true if the website says
13 nothing about unacceptable spaces underneath the picture
14 of Chris's barn? I mean, you --

15 A. Sir, that's not appropriate.

16 Q. Okay. All right. And today, you're not
17 satisfied with the size of the stalls, is that my
18 understanding?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Your position is that The Court should require
21 or should order that the barn be destroyed, torn down,
22 and built from scratch again, is that correct?

23 A. That would be the correct way to do it.

24 Q. All right. And if that's the case, there's no
25 reason to talk about repair of the roof, all the punch

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1 list items, all the added extras or the things that you
2 spent because that -- there's no need to do that if
3 you're going to get a new barn, right?

4 A. Who's going to pay for it?

5 Q. I'm just asking, don't you agree with me --

6 A. No.

7 Q. -- that the two are kind of --

8 A. No, sir.

9 Q. -- mutually exclusive?

10 A. No, sir. No, sir. I've been trying to make
11 the best out of a horrible situation that's cost me a
12 fortune.

13 Q. All right. But you want a new barn but you
14 also want him to pay for a new roof, is that right?

15 A. I would like the barn to function and to not
16 have a roof that leaks that doesn't rain on a horse.

17 Q. All right, you want a barn that functions. Do
18 you want to try and make the existing barn function
19 then?

20 A. It has to be done at a reduced price and I
21 tell everybody they get a bargain rate because of that,
22 because it's wrong.

23 Q. That's not my question. Do you want to try
24 and remedy and work with the barn you've got or do you
25 want a new barn?

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1 A. Tell me how to remedy the problem.

2 THE COURT: No, ma'am. Answer the question.

3 A. If it can be remedied and I can get 12 by 12
4 stalls interior dimension, that would be correct.

5 Q. [Mr. McCants] Okay. Well, do you know of any
6 way that the existing stalls can be, as you called,
7 remedied?

8 A. Not easily.

9 Q. All right, which means the barn has to come
10 down?

11 A. The poles are off.

12 Q. Okay. All right. You're a practicing a
13 physician, and a very good one, I understand. Do you
14 also hold yourself as an expert in training
15 thoroughbreds?

16 A. No.

17 Q. How about boarding thoroughbreds?

18 A. Boarding horses and thoroughbreds, yes.

19 Q. Okay. So, I can classify you as an expert in
20 boarding thoroughbreds, is that fair?

21 A. I'm not -- my profession is a physician. I
22 actually rent the facility.

23 Q. All right. Well, that's your website and you
24 own Palmetto Thoroughbred Training Center, correct?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. You certainly hold yourself out to potential
2 customers as an expert in boarding thoroughbreds, is
3 that fair?

4 A. The way that it works is that I refer them to
5 people; I rent the facility.

6 Q. All right.

7 A. I don't train them.

8 Q. All right. How about an expert in providing
9 adequate facilities? In other words, your facility, I
10 trust, is adequate and suitable for boarding
11 thoroughbred horses?

12 A. I am skilled at caring for the thoroughbred.

13 Q. Okay. Skilled, I'll go with that. Can we say
14 very skilled?

15 A. It's probably a matter of opinion.

16 Q. Okay, all right. Do you have employees of
17 Palmetto Thoroughbred Training Center?

18 A. No.

19 Q. All right. The people who bring their horses
20 there, do they rely on their own staff employees to take
21 care of the horses, or do you -- do you or any of your
22 workers or anybody provide any assistance with boarding
23 horses?

24 A. I don't have -- they rent the facility.

25 Q. Just the physical environments?

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1 A. Right.

2 Q. Okay. The contract which you -- do you have
3 it in front of you, Doctor?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Let me see if I can find a copy of it for you.

6 THE COURT: Exhibit 1, I've got it right here.

7 MR. McCANTS: You've got it.

8 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

9 Q. [Mr. McCants] Let me ask you to look at this,
10 if I could, Doctor. Oh, you've got it. Very good. All
11 right. You've talked -- Mr. Dickert asked you a little
12 bit about how this was put together and I understand
13 that you and Chris sat around and talked about some
14 items, but ultimately, you did have a written agreement
15 put in place, do you agree?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And that's Exhibit 1 in your hand. Now, you
18 and I sat down in a deposition. I'm just going to run
19 through some general questions and I think you told me
20 at your deposition these were all true but you certainly
21 read this agreement before you signed it, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you understood the agreement before you
24 signed it, correct?

25 A. After I clarified some issues with Mr. Key.

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1 Q. All right, before you signed the agreement,
2 you understood the written agreement?

3 A. After he explained a couple of facts.

4 Q. Nobody prevented you from reading any portion
5 of the agreement?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Nobody prevented you from consulting with
8 anybody, is that fair?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. All right. Now, you've told me before there
11 was a lady who worked for you named Kelly Tucker who was
12 part of the conversations that you had with Mr. Key
13 regarding this contract and she was your employee,
14 correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you told me at your deposition she would
17 back up some of your statements and your interpretations
18 of the conversations you had with Mr. Key, is that
19 correct? In other words, she would support you?

20 A. Yeah, she was there, yes.

21 Q. All right. Is she going to testify here
22 today?

23 A. She's in Kentucky.

24 Q. Well, is the answer to that question no?

25 A. Is no.

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1 Q. All right. You don't disagree that the
2 written agreement does not state a date to start or
3 complete the work under the contract, do you?

4 A. No, I do not disagree.

5 Q. All right. You would also agree, and we've
6 been over this numerous times but the agreement does not
7 state that the stalls shall be either 12 by 12 or 12
8 foot by 12 foot, do you agree?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. All right. Now, in your deposition, when we
11 were talking about the issues, I asked you, I said,
12 "What was the conversation that you had with Chris Key
13 about this?" and you said, "Does this mean the stalls
14 are going to be 12 by 12?" And I asked you, "Is that
15 the exact question you asked Chris?" And you responded,
16 "Yes." Do you remember that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. All right. You asked the question then, "Are
19 these stalls going to be 12 by 12?" Do you, after
20 listening today or at any point in time understand this
21 concept of the difference between the phrase 12 by 12
22 and 12 foot by 12?

23 A. But I clarified what I meant by 12 by 12.

24 Q. Well, I'd like for you just to answer that
25 question first and then I'm sure Judge Harvey will let

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1 you explain it. Do you understand the difference
2 between the phrases 12 by 12 and 12 foot by 12?

3 A. I understand what you presented.

4 Q. All right. What is the difference between the
5 phrase 12 by 12 and the phrase 12 foot by 12?

6 A. Well, I don't think there should be because
7 you're going at two different things. It's not the
8 same.

9 Q. I know they're not the same. That's what you
10 just told me.

11 A. Right.

12 Q. I want you to explain to me why they're not
13 the same, those two concepts, 12 by 12 or 12 foot by 12.

14 A. You're talking about a building concept versus
15 a concept that a lay person would have of spatial.

16 Q. Well, you're not really a lay person though,
17 Doctor. You've held yourself as an expert or very
18 skilled at boarding horses in facilities. You're a
19 practicing physician. You're an educated person. I
20 trust you've been in a hardware store and understand
21 what a two by four -- or a lumber yard and know what a
22 two by four, and how we use nominal or name only labels
23 for things, as Mr. Cooper said, so you do understand
24 there's a difference between a concept of 12 foot by 12
25 foot and 12 by 12 as a name; you agree with that?

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1 A. Now, after the testimony today, yes, I heard
2 what you said.

3 Q. That's fine. And you don't disagree in your
4 deposition, when we talked in March of 2010, I asked you
5 what was the direct question you asked of Chris Key, and
6 you said, "Does this mean the stalls are going to be 12
7 by 12?" and I said, "And is that the exact question you
8 asked Chris?" and you said, "Yes." That was your
9 testimony in March of 2010, do you agree?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. All right. Is it a possibility, Doctor, just
12 you and I talking today, that you just -- you didn't
13 understand that concept at the time of the agreement and
14 just didn't appreciate that there was a term or a label
15 that was used in this industry for purposes of the
16 construction of barns and stalls?

17 A. I was clear on what I wanted.

18 Q. Okay. You were clear. There's no possibility
19 that you just made a mistake?

20 A. Interior is interior.

21 Q. All right. You knew it was going to be a pole
22 barn, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. You haven't had any horses die, have you,
25 because of the stalls?

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1 any existing stall?

2 A. That's finishing the stall.

3 Q. I understand, I'm talking about --

4 A. That's not adding wood, that's what it was
5 supposed to be.

6 Q. Okay. I appreciate your testimony regarding
7 the loss of revenue and income and whatnot but you used
8 the word, "it's an estimate," okay? My first question,
9 do you have any records or documents, any letters or
10 correspondence from any person, business or anything,
11 indicating or confirming that you weren't able to rent
12 to them because of any alleged delay or problems with
13 the barn?

14 A. Just the stalls weren't complete; they can't
15 go in them.

16 Q. So, I take it you don't have any records or
17 documents, any letters or memorandum confirming that
18 from any potential customers, is that correct?

19 A. No one can see what the --

20 THE COURT: Ma'am, answer the question,
21 please.

22 A. No.

23 Q. [Mr. McCants] For example, you know, if
24 somebody came to you and say, "You know, I see your
25 website, I see you've got something available, I want to

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1 rent from you," and you had to tell them, "I can't do it
2 because something's not right," and then you said, "I'm
3 in a lawsuit, would you mind confirming that I offered
4 to do this?" Do you have anything like that?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. Okay. Do you agree it's an estimate then, as
7 to loss?

8 A. For the 40 stalls, that would be the number.

9 Q. That's an estimate? Did you use the word
10 estimate earlier?

11 A. There -- the numbers originally, when it was
12 done, where was there was supposed to be included track
13 usage fee, I left that off. So, that means 40 horses
14 would not have done it, they would have paid 150 a month
15 per each. That, I left off. So, yes, it's an estimate
16 because of that.

17 Q. All right. That's all I'm trying to get at.
18 It's an estimate, is that fair?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. All right. I'm going to go through with you,
21 if I could, some of the documents that Mr. Dickert has
22 brought today. Before I do that, is there any money
23 still owed on this barn?

24 A. It's in a mortgage.

25 Q. Is that mortgaged with the bank that's in this

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1 THE COURT: 19 is the 4/5/2010.

2 MR. McCANTS: Yes.

3 THE COURT: All right. Any objections, Mr.
4 Dickert?

5 MR. DICKERT: No.

6 THE COURT: All right. Exhibit 19 admitted
7 without objection. You may redirect.

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9 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION**

10 **BY MR. DICKERT:**

11 Q. Dr. Tummillo, I'm going to hand you what I've
12 just identified -- the court reporter has identified as
13 Defendant's Exhibit Number 17 and ask you if you can
14 identify that one, please?

15 A. This was the final check to the -- that set
16 the pad.

17 Q. That's the final check for what now?

18 A. The people that built the track and did my
19 pad.

20 Q. Okay. What's the amount of that check and the
21 date of it?

22 A. It's September 4th, 2008. It's 108,897
23 dollars and I think seven cents.

24 Q. Okay. And so the work was completed before
25 that check was --

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Okay. All right.

3 MR. DICKERT: I don't have a copy.

4 MR. McCANTS: Which one is it? I can't read
5 this one.

6 MR. DICKERT: That's the check --

7 MR. McCANTS: Dated September 4, 2000- --

8 MR. DICKERT: Yeah.

9 MR. McCANTS: Okay, thank you.

10 MR. DICKERT: All right, Your Honor, I tender
11 Exhibit 17 at this time.

12 THE COURT: Without objection.

13 MR. McCANTS: Well, who is it written to?

14 THE WITNESS: CIC.

15 MR. DICKERT: I'm sorry?

16 THE WITNESS: CIC.

17 MR. DICKERT: CIC.

18 MR. McCANTS: Who is CIC? Do you know? Can
19 you ask her that?

20 THE WITNESS: Matt Ritioni [phonetic].

21 Q. [Mr. Dickert] I'm sorry?

22 A. Construction Company is -- Matt Ritioni's
23 Construction Company.

24 Q. And what were they doing on the site?

25 A. They built the racetrack and they did the pad.

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1 Q. Okay. All right. That's all I have.

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3 RECROSS EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. McCANTS:

5 Q. That check would -- being written in September
6 of what, 4, 2008?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. That's at or about the time the pad was
9 completed then, correct?

10 A. Well, no, the pad was completed before that.
11 Because they took the dirt off the end of the track and
12 then they fixed the track afterwards, so --

13 Q. All right. Okay. Thank you.

14 MR. DICKERT: Nothing further.

15 THE COURT: You may step down. Next witness.

16 MR. DICKERT: All right. Mr. Dallas Sidener,
17 please.

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19 ROBERT DALLAS SIDENER

20 having been duly sworn, took the stand
21 and testified as follows:

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23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. DICKERT:

25 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Sidener, how are you

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1 Q. All right.

2 MR. DICKERT: I would like to tender Exhibit
3 Number 18 at this time.

4 THE COURT: Any objection?

5 MR. McCANTS: No objection.

6 THE COURT: Entered up without objection.
7 Thank you.

8 Q. [Mr. Dickert] So, is it fair to say, Mr.
9 Tummillo, that from your -- are these measurements
10 accurate? I mean, these are correct?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Is it fair to say that, out of 40 stalls, that
13 in 37 of those, that the center to center measurement is
14 less than 12 feet?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. Do you know when Elite Construction
17 left the jobsite, Mike?

18 A. Approximately January 5th.

19 Q. Of which year?

20 A. Of 2009.

21 Q. All right. When you went out there at that
22 time or shortly thereafter, did you take a few
23 photographs of what you saw?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. I want to hand you what's been identified as

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1 Exhibit 16. Any objection?

2 MR. McCANT: No objection.

3 THE COURT: All right.

4 A. Well, January 12th is approximately a week
5 after he left. I met with Chris out at the site and I
6 talked to him about -- you know, I told him that he's
7 been gone too long. We need to get this barn finished
8 ASAP. We are losing rental income every day it's
9 unfinished and I also, you know, said we need this barn
10 done in one and a half weeks. Chris said he can't do it
11 without paying his people overtime and it would cost me
12 -- or cost us more money. He said, "I have bills to pay
13 and I want the third draw now." And I said -- then I --
14 I said to Chris --

15 Q. Let me ask you this. The third draw in the
16 contract suggests that it's due at the completion of the
17 exterior walls, and at that time, based upon your
18 observations of what you saw, were the exterior walls of
19 the facility of this building completed?

20 A. They were not.

21 Q. Okay, all right.

22 A. And so, then I asked Chris, I said, "Just come
23 back with your full crew tomorrow and stay until the job
24 is finished and I'll have a check for you tomorrow
25 evening." I asked him to call me tonight and let me

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1 THE COURT: Yeah.

2 Q. [Mr. McCants] Have you got them in front of
3 you, Mike?

4 MR. McCANTS: Have we got extra copies
5 somewhere?

6 THE COURT: What are you looking for?

7 MR. McCANTS: 15 and -- my 15 and 16, Judge.
8 The two lists that you just had him look at.

9 A. Oh, I've got the originals, thank you.

10 Q. [Mr. McCants] You've got yours now, Mike?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. All right. According to the testimony I had
13 obtained earlier from you, Number 15 was done sometime
14 in February of 2009 and then Number 16 was done about a
15 week after 15 was done. Does that sound about right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So, we're talking about your list of problems
18 about a month after you first discovered any problems,
19 is that correct?

20 A. A list of things which needed to be done to
21 complete what was there.

22 Q. To complete work on a 40-stall barn, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. This is typed twice on two separate documents
25 by you, is that correct?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. This is what needed to be done to make that a
3 finished project, is that fair?

4 A. To -- well --

5 Q. At the time you prepared both of these
6 documents a week apart or the month after you first
7 discovered any problems, keeping in mind your role here
8 was to get this thing done, so I'm going to assume
9 you've looked at it thoroughly, investigated it and made
10 sure you had everything on the plate before you came to
11 anybody and said, "This is what it's going to take to
12 get this job done." Is that a fair way of looking at
13 this?

14 A. Some things are missing.

15 Q. So, it wasn't a complete list? You had not
16 made a thorough investigation, is that fair?

17 A. Well, I -- I -- things came up after the fact
18 so -- I don't know, but that's -- I guess that's all I
19 can say on that. I -- you know, I -- I went out there
20 and I looked and I reviewed.

21 Q. All right.

22 A. And some things came up after the fact.

23 Q. Well, you didn't just look. I mean, you
24 looked hard, come on. That's not just a look list.

25 A. You're right, no, I spent some time out there

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1 and I looked.

2 Q. How many punch lists have you had thrown at
3 you in your residential work over the years? A lot?

4 A. I would say out of all the houses I've built
5 maybe three or four.

6 Q. Oh, how many are we talking about, come on?
7 Homeowners, you didn't get everything right the first --

8 A. I do.

9 Q. All right. More power to you. You've had
10 three or four punch lists in the years you've built
11 houses?

12 A. If that.

13 Q. Okay. That just looks like a pretty
14 comprehensive list to me. That's the way I look at this
15 list. But let's just glance through it if we can. I
16 understand removing trash that the contractor may have
17 left on site. Piles of scrap, it all needs to be
18 cleaned up. You know, we've got an issue regarding
19 painting the stalls with polyurethane. The gutters,
20 that wasn't in our contract though, was it? Have you
21 looked at our contract?

22 A. When -- right, it's not in the contract but
23 when I met Chris out there one time, we were talking
24 about how the roof has very little -- metal has very
25 little overhang over the framing and he specifically

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. All right. You, in fact, showed these two
3 lists to your sister according to your deposition. Do
4 you remember that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Showed them to her and she reviewed them with
7 you, is that fair?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And that's back in early 2009. All right,
10 now, I want to talk to you about your recent
11 measurements. The first list of measurements, I think,
12 not the center widths -- yeah, this was done yesterday,
13 Exhibit Number 1, Defendant's Exhibit Number 1?

14 A. No. No, this was done about a week ago. This
15 is the stall -- these are the stall sizes.

16 Q. Oh, I beg your pardon. I beg your pardon.
17 The center widths is which one?

18 THE COURT: I believe that was 18.

19 MR. McCANTS: All right.

20 THE COURT: Defendant's 18.

21 Q. [Mr. McCants] The center width was done
22 yesterday, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 THE COURT: Yeah, Defendant's 18.

25 Q. [Mr. McCants] All right. These measurements