

In closing the home, the New Buyer should be aware of the following:

1. The cost of Documentary Stamps (\$.70 per \$100 of the purchase price) through the Clerk of the Circuit Court (located at the new Justice Center/Courthouse in Punta Gorda). If transfer of real property is not recorded, the Department of Revenue could penalize you.
2. The cost associated with recording the title(s) with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Doublewide homes have two titles. (If the house does not have a black "RP" sticker, the DMV will want to charge a 7% sales tax on the purchase price. To avoid this situation, the previous owner would need to record the appropriate paperwork prior to the new owner transferring the title(s) to the home.)
3. The office cannot legally complete any of the closing paperwork.