

EQUALIZATION & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

January 10, 2007 – 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Hunter; Supervisors M. Johnson, Keyrouze, Wood, DeCerce, Hargrave; Thompson; David Wickerham, Co. Administrator; Mark Rider, Co. Attorney; Sam Pitcheralle, Treasurer; Jack Murray, Auditor; Joanne Bosley, Real Property Tax

Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2006 meeting. Mr. Hargrave seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Hunter appointed George Hargrave as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Pitcheralle reported on a tender payment received in the amount of \$1,569.93 from Christine M. Woodbeck of the Town of Stillwater, and there is a bank involved. Mr. Rider said owners of property are allowed to repurchase it once the County has taken title by paying taxes, penalties, etc. He said included in this have been banks that foreclose, and frequently, we get calls from lawyers representing banks. He said the bank has paid the tender offer amount and has asked us to convey it to the referee in foreclosure, and in this case, it is HUD. **Mr. Hargrave moved to accept this tender offer. Mr. DeCerce seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Rider said under the law, the board is allowed to delegate to the County Auditor the ability to approve certain refunds and corrections of taxes up to \$2,500. We ask the Treasurer and Real Property Tax Director to review this. Once they have given Jack Murray the OK, he approves those and reports to this Committee. **Mr. DeCerce moved to authorize the County Auditor to make tax corrections and refunds of up to \$2,500 subject to the approval of the County Treasurer and Director of Real Property Tax Services. Mr. Wood seconded. Unanimous.**

Chairman Hunter said the next County Auction will be held Tuesday, March 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Rider distributed copies of the Manual of Procedures and Policies of the Equalization & Assessment Committee. He said included in this is the one change made last year in reference to tender offers. Mrs. Johnson said this is a handy tool, but it refers to paragraph numbers, and there are none. Mr. Rider said he would look into changing that for future reprints.

On a motion by Mr. DeCerce, seconded by Mr. Hargrave, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann