

EQUALIZATION & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2007 – 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Hunter; Supervisors Wormuth, Hargrave, M. Johnson, Trottier, Wood; Grattidge, Sausville; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Mark Rider, Co. Attorney; Sam Pitcherelle, Treasurer; Carol Holley, Joanne Bosley, Real Property Tax

Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hargrave moved to approve the minutes of the January 10th meeting. Mr. Wood seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Pitcherelle distributed a list of tender offers in the Towns of Charlton (Holbrook, James C), Day (Allen, Norman H, Jr.) and Wilton (Nationstar Mortgage) for approval. **Mr. Trottier moved to approve these tender offers. Mrs. Johnson seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Rider requested cancellation of taxes on exempt parcels in the Town of Halfmoon. He explained that there are two suffixed parcels that the Canal Corporation owns with frontage on the River. There are camps located on these parcels. He said the State stopped renting these camps a couple of years ago, and the people who used them stopped paying taxes. The State forgot to tell us to cancel those taxes, he said. We took them in foreclosure and realized they were State property. We need to cancel these taxes for those two parcels. He said the taxes that the County gave to Halfmoon for two years will be recovered with a chargeback, he added. **Mr. Hargrave moved to authorize cancellation of these taxes. Mr. Wood seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Rider said the Village of Round Lake wishes to purchase a property (.09 acres) that is on the auction list for the upcoming auction, but they have to wait to see that the owner does not put a tender offer on it. He mentioned everyone has a right to pay right up until the auction. He said the County's policy allows a municipality to purchase these parcels solely for municipal purposes. He said the Town Supervisor (Malta/Mr. Sausville) can pull it on Tuesday so it will not be in the sale.

Chairman Hunter moved to adjourn to the call of the chair in case a meeting is needed on the day of the auction. Ms. Wormuth seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann