

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes

October 14, 2009 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Connelly; Supervisors Grattidge, Hunter, Raymond, Thompson, Yepsen and Veitch; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Sam Pitcheralle, Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Joe Ritchey, Public Works; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Press.

Vice Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Yepsen the minutes of the September 22, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously. Unanimous.

Mr. Pitcheralle distributed copies of the successful bidders from the September 22, 2009 auction to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Pitcheralle said there were a total of twelve parcels with three pulled by supervisors, three paid prior to the auction, five sold at the auction, and one not sold. The first bidder refused on the parcel in Waterford, and it will now be offered to the second bidder.

A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Hunter to convey four parcels (Clifton Park, Edinburg, Providence and Wilton) from the County Auction to the successful bidders from the September property auction. Unanimous.

Mr. Pitcheralle said the results from the County Auction totaled \$8,168 in losses, with one forfeit in the Town of Waterford for \$250.00.

Ms. Bosley distributed handouts with regard to one tax refund and two tax credits in the town of Northumberland.

Ms. Bosley said there was a parcel in the town of Northumberland that the county was collecting three years worth of taxes on. The parcel was assessed with a house in error. The land is vacant with only a house foundation. The house was never built. The total refund is \$3,911.58.

Ms. Bosley said the 2008 and 2007 bill have not been paid, therefore a credit is being applied to bring down the balance that is owed. For the year 2008 the credit will be \$4,434.89 and for 2007 the credit will be \$4,952.62.

A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Ms. Yepsen to authorize a refund of 2009 taxes in the amount of \$3,911.58 and correct the taxes for 2007 in the amount of \$4,434.89 and 2008 for \$4,952.62 due to the incorrect assessment on a property in the Town of Northumberland. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Raymond the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom