

## Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes

March 1, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lucia; Supervisors Collyer, Hargrave, M. Johnson, Southworth and Thompson; Carol Holley, Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Sam Pitcheralle, Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the minutes of the February 1, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Pitcheralle said there was one tender offer that was received last week from the Town of Ballston in the amount of \$23,341.00.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve a tender offer from the Town of Ballston in the amount of \$23,341.00. Unanimous.**

Ms. Holley said there was one correction to the 2010 tax rolls for January in the Town of Halfmoon, where there was an incorrect charge for sewer units placed on the parcel. The assessor has also stated that the water units were incorrect as well. After making the corrections there will be a \$4,250 difference.

**A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to approve a correction to the 2010 tax roll for a parcel in the town of Halfmoon for a total of \$4,250.00. Unanimous.**

Mr. Pitcheralle gave a brief update on the county auction as follows: There were originally 76 parcels on the auction list, with 71 parcels remaining. Two were pulled, one in the town of Ballston, and one in the Town of Greenfield. Three were paid, one each in the towns of Ballston, Moreau and Saratoga. The auction is set for 5:30 p.m. on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. in county building #5.

Mr. Lucia said there was a tabled item from last months meeting, regarding a request from Mrs. Kelleigh from the town of Ballston for support to forward a letter to legislators with regard to payment of back taxes. Supervisor Kinowski asked Mr. Lucia to let the committee know that he would be in favor of passing it through to the Legislative and Research Committee, who would then forward it on to the Legislature. .

Mr. Rider said it was his understanding that Mrs. Kelleigh wanted support from the county to support legislation to allow an individual to have a one time opportunity to pay their oldest taxes due first. There is an existing State Law and Mrs. Kelleigh would like to make a change in that law.

Mr. Rider said the county would need to see, in black and white, how it is going to work in order to make a decision.

Mrs. Johnson said the committee decided at the last meeting that they could not take action until questions were answered.

The issue remained tabled in order to obtain more information.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom