

## Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes

December 6, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Mr. Pitcheralle distributed copies of a tender offer from the town of Ballston in the amount of \$2,361.73.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve a tender offer in the town of Ballston for \$2,361.73. Unanimous.**

Mr. Pitcheralle gave a brief update on the net proceeds from the 2010 auction as follows:

There were a total of 93 original parcels between the two tax auctions. Before the actual sales, individual Supervisors pulled twelve properties from the auction, and 28 were paid for a total of \$231,881.14. Forty properties were sold with a net profit of \$25,485.80. There were 13 properties that were not sold.

Mr. Rider said there was a road in the town of Providence that at last months meeting he was authorized to cancel the taxes and make it a tax-exempt road.

Mr. Collyer said the Providence town highway superintendent has a lawyer who thinks that it ought to be put up for auction again. There is a good possibility that someone is interested in it, he said.

Mr. Rider said the thinking is if the property is put on the auction, and someone is interested in buying it, they will continue to pay the taxes.

Currently the roadway is a private road and held in the title of MC Benefits. The road has several seasonal camps on it. Mr. Collyer said there is an individual that is interested in building a new home off the roadway.

After discussion the committee decided to follow through with canceling the taxes on the roadway.

**A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kinowski to follow through with canceling the taxes on a private roadway in the town of Providence. Unanimous.**

Ms. Holley distributed copies of a credit to the 2009 tax rolls as follows: The parcel is in the town of Malta where the assessor in 2009 had the property assessed at a value of \$4,400. The computer file, due to human error, generated an assessment of \$784,074. The original tax was \$22,083.41 and it would be corrected to \$193.81, resulting in a credit of \$21,889.60.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve a correction to the 2009 tax rolls in the amount of \$193.81. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lucia thanked the committee members for their support throughout the year.

**On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Collyer the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom