EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 11, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Hunter, Connelly, Raymond, Rowland, Southworth, and Thompson; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Sam Pitcheralle, Treasurer; Carol Holley, Real Property; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Rowland the minutes of the February 4, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Pitcheralle distributed handouts with regard to seven tender payments made to the county for a total of \$58,952.37. He requested a resolution to accept the tender offers. After the Board of Supervisors approval these properties will be removed from the County Auction, he said.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mr. Hunter to approve a resolution accepting tenders offers from the following towns: Day, \$781.97; Greenfield, \$19,324.08; Hadley, \$6,292.95; Halfmoon, \$469.70; Malta/Village of Round Lake, \$12,225.88; totaling \$58,952.37. Unanimous.

Ms. Holley distributed handouts with regard to a denial for a 2008 refund in the town of Galway. The individual sent a letter explaining that she had some difficulties with her town government and some officials in town government, and wanted her county and town taxes reduced because of that. Ms. Holley said she is requesting that the refund be denied based on the fact that this is not a valid reason under the NYS Real Property Tax Law.

A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to deny a tax refund on a parcel in the town of Galway, as the request is not a valid reason under the NYS Real Property Tax Law. Unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson said there could be a meeting called on March 18th, at 3:30 p.m., if there are more tender offers received. Currently there are 34 parcels on the tax auction list.

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

Respectfully submitted, Chris Sansom