Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes March 19, 2013 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Raymond, Hargrave, Jenkins, Lewza, Yepsen, Richardson, Kinowski, Wright, Sausville, Southworth, Wormuth, and Wood; Cindy Baker, Sam Pitcheralle, Treasurer; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Joanne Bosley, Valerie Dussault, Real Property; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Ms. Yepsen the minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Baker said there are fourteen tender offers that have been made. She said there are two of the offers that the county attorney is going to address, requesting an extension of approval on them. Ms. Baker requested approval for 12 tender offers.

A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Lewza to approve 12 tender offers. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey said there were three parcels in the Town of Clifton Park that were on the tax foreclosure list. A map was distributed of the three parcels to the committee for their review, which included parcel numbers: 263-1-4; 263-1-5 and 263-1-6. He said the county foreclosed on 263-1-5 and 263-1-6, which are included in the tender offer. He said the county did not foreclose on parcel 263-1-4 due to environmental concerns regarding the property.

Mr. Dorsey made the following two recommendations to the committee for their consideration: one, hold approval of parcels 263-1-5 and 263-1-6 until next month in order to give the owner the opportunity to pay the taxes on parcel 263-1-4. He said even though the owner would obtain ownership, they will still have to go through a tender offer situation as the county does not own it and does not want to own it. He said it is extremely difficult to collect on a parcel of this nature where the county cannot take title to it and sell it at auction. The second option would be to approve the two tender offers 263-1-5 and 263-1-6 subject to the owner paying the taxes on 263-1-4 within thirty days. He said the taxes at this point total \$7,019.19.

Ms. Raymond suggested that the committee not approve anything until the last taxes are paid on parcel 263-1-4.

A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to pull parcels 263-1-5 and 263-1-6 from the County Auction list allowing the owner time to pay the taxes on parcel 263-1-4 within thirty days. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey requested that parcel number 31 in the Town of Day be pulled from the County Auction list as the owners will be making a tender offer. Mrs. Johnson has been notified of the request and has approved the pull for the parcel from the auction; however, she is unable to sign the paperwork before the auction.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve removing parcel number 31 from the County Auction List. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Ms. Yepsen the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Sansom