

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
October 6, 2014 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Jenkins, Lent, Lunde, Richardson, Wood and Sausville; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Brian O'Connor, Auditor; Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Joanne Bosley
Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Lunde the minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Baker said there were originally 16 parcels on the auction list with 13 parcels sold. Two parcels were forfeited; therefore, approval is being sought for 11 parcels.

Mr. Collyer said that Mrs. Baker would have a report for next month's meeting on the profit that was made at the County Auction. He said the estimated profit is approximately \$95,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve the conveyance of eleven properties from the County Auction to the bidders. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley requested the acceptance of two tax credits in the town of Malta that were owned by a Homeowners Association where the park land was included in the individual lots, and the assessed value should have been zero. The total credits were \$519.28.

A motion was made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve tax credits to 2012-2013 tax bills for a total of \$519.28. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley said there were five parcels in the Town of Greenfield that were purchased in December of 2013 by the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. She said it wasn't until last month when Real Property received an email from the Office of Real Property Tax Services telling them that these properties were purchased under Real Property Tax Law 534, stating that land owned by the State required for reforestation is exempt from county taxes.

A motion was made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve tax credits for five properties in the Town of Greenfield for a total of \$832.13. Unanimous.

Mr. O'Connor gave a brief overview of the quarterly report from the Auditor's office stating that for the third quarter there were seven refunds totaling \$3,529.91. He said the Auditor's office has approved, thus far, \$7,487 in credits and refunds compared to \$7,365 for the same time period in 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the third quarter refunds for real property tax adjustments in the amount of \$3,529.91. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Richardson the meeting moved into Executive Session for the purpose of a Conditional Tender Offer. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Lunde the meeting was reopened to regular session. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lent to approve a conditional tender offer for a property in the Town of Greenfield in the amount of \$34,967.15. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Richardson the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom