

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

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Lent, Lunde, Richardson, Wood, Kinowski and Sausville; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Joanne Bosley, Real Property.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Bosley requested approval of a refund for 2014 taxes for a parcel in the City of Saratoga Springs. She said in 2013 the parcel was split with two parcels created. The Assessor should have deleted the original parcel and failed to do so, generating a duplicate 2014 City and County tax bill in error.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve a tax refund in the amount of \$2,576.37. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey presented two amendments to the Equalization and Assessment Policy and Procedures Manual as follows:

1. With reference to the second pull policy, currently it requires a Supervisor seeking to request a second pull to present the request for the second pull to the E&A Committee in person.

Mr. Dorsey said in September there were two instances where the Supervisor was unable to attend the E&A meeting to request the second pull, and Chairman Collyer presented the pull in their absence at their request.

A request has been made to amend this particular policy to allow the E&A Chairman to present the second pull in the absence of the Supervisor. The request to the Chairman must be in writing.

A motion was made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Lunde to approve a change in the E&A Policy and Procedures Manual allowing the E&A Chairman to present a request for a second pull in the Supervisors absence. Unanimous. (Committee Approval Only)

2. The second proposed amendment to the E&A Policy and Procedures Manual has to do with the dispositional options available to the county when it acquires title to properties that are tax foreclosed properties. Currently, the county has the option of selling the property prior to auction to a municipality or not-for-profit corporation that is interested in purchasing the property for their own uses.

He said there is currently a situation where the county is about to foreclose on a property in the town of Waterford where the Waterford IDA has a mortgage on the property. The IDA is interested in coming in after the County obtains title to the property and purchasing it from the county for delinquent taxes, penalties and interest. Currently, this is not permitted under the E&A Policy and Procedures Manual.

Mr. Dorsey proposed, in addition to municipal corporations and not-for-profit corporations that Industrial Development Agencies, and Public Authorities should be allowed to purchase properties that are acquired by the County for delinquent taxes, penalties and interest.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve an amendment to the E&A Policy and Procedures Manual that would allow IDA's and Public Authorities to purchase properties acquired by the County for delinquent taxes, penalties and interest. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom