

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
January 5, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Martin, Wood, Lent, Jenkins, and Lunde; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Brian O'Connor, Auditor; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Andrew Jarosh, Cindy Baker, Treasurer.

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

Chairman Collyer announced his appointment of Preston Jenkins as Committee Vice Chair.

On a motion made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Wood, the minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Dorsey said the county has been under a stay, preventing the sale of the McAuliffe Property in the town of Greenfield for over two years. He said the county has been successful in getting this action dismissed and getting the stay lifted; therefore, the county is free to complete the sale of the property that did sell for \$113,000. The successful bidder put down a deposit at time of sale, and it isn't certain Ms. Bieganski still wishes to complete the sale as she has lost over two years of rental income given the county's inability to complete the purchase in a timely manner. Mr. Dorsey said he has indicated to the buyer that if they would like to back out of the purchase of the property that the county would release them and refund the deposit subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Dorsey said he would like to move forward with the sale, but if his office receives notification that the buyer does not want to complete the sale, he will be looking for permission from the Equalization and Assessment Committee to withdraw the resolution from the agenda of the Law and Finance Committee. He said in February he would be looking for a resolution authorizing the refund of the deposit if the buyer wishes to go that route.

Mr. Lent asked if Ms. Bieganski decides not to purchase the property, will it go back on the auction in March. Mr. Dorsey said, yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve the auction sale of the McAuliffe property to Kathleen Bieganski for a total of \$113,000, subject to the authority to pull the resolution from the Law and Finance Agenda if Ms. Bieganski indicates that she does not want to purchase the property. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley requested a resolution to approve March 17, 2015 as the date for the next county auction. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the auction will take place at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Collyer said there are currently 77 parcels on the auction list.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the next county auction date of March 17, 2015, with registration to begin at 5:00 p.m. and the auction at 6:00 p.m. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley requested a resolution to authorize the County Auditor to approve corrections and refunds in amounts of \$2,500 or less.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to authorize the County Auditor to approve corrections and refunds in amounts of \$2,500 or less. Unanimous.

Mr. O'Connor said in December of 2014 the Auditor's office approved \$1,510.76 in refunds based on six years of sewer district charges for one property, bringing the total for the year to \$8,997.76. This is up from last year's figure of \$7,264.70.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the County Auditors Year End Report. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom