

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
April 6, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Martin, Wood, Lent, and Lunde; Ryan Moore, Deputy Administrator; Cindy Baker, Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer; Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Brian O'Conor, Auditor.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the March 2nd and 17th meetings were approved unanimously.

Mr. Dorsey distributed copies of four properties in the county that have not been sold and have been through the county auction process several times. He requested approval to research a Declaration of Worthless Status for each of them.

A motion was made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Wood to authorize the County Attorney to research the disposition of the following properties in Clifton Park; -289.37-2-1; -277.7-3-38.2; -266.-1-65.2; and one in the town of Charlton; -224.-1-21.2. Unanimous.

Mrs. Baker requested approval of one tender offer made from the Town of Wilton in the amount of \$5,785.86.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve a tender offer on a parcel in the Town of Wilton for \$5,785.86. Unanimous.

Mrs. Baker said there were a total of 41 parcels on the March Auction list with 28 parcels sold. A request to approve the 28 parcels that were sold was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve 28 parcels that were sold at the March 17, 2015 County Auction. Unanimous.

Mrs. Baker said the gross sales from the auction totaled \$425,000. She said providing all transactions go through; there will be a net profit of \$314,271.87.

A motion was made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the sale of 28 parcels from the March Auction. Unanimous.

Mr. O'Conor said for the first quarter of 2015 there were 14 corrections and 43 refunds totaling \$9,078.15.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Lent to approve the quarterly report from the Auditor's office. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey said next month foreclosure notices will be sent out for 2013 delinquent taxes. In researching the parcels that will be on the list, it was discovered that there is one parcel that is owned by a member of the military. Mr. Dorsey said he found a law that was passed in 2010 which allows counties to adopt local laws which provide two forms of relief. One would be to extend the period of redemption for military members that are deployed overseas for six months or killed in action. He said currently the redemption period that is used is two years and nine months, which can be extended for people in the military for up to four or five years. Another relief that is provided to deployed members of the military or those killed in action would be to adopt a local law which would allow for the waiver of penalties, interest and fees that accrue on overdue taxes upon establishing a person's deployment overseas for six months or was killed in action. Proof of financial hardship due to the deployment would have to be shown and the property owner would have to show satisfactory written evidence of the deployment and hardship to someone designated by the county.

Mr. Dorsey said he would research what other counties have done and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom