

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

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Martin, Wood, Lent, Jenkins, Lunde, and Ziegler; Chad Cooke, Deputy Administrator; Brian O'Connor, Auditor; Cindy Baker, Drew Jarosh, Treasurer; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Chris Aldrich, Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Gary Boswich, Boswich and Coffey; Dan Stein, John Hill, Corinth School District; Kristina Lanchantin, Girvin & Ferlazzo.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes of the September 8th and 15th meetings were approved unanimously.

Mr. Stein said they understand the county's view on taking something back on to the tax rolls, but what they are trying to show is if they can combine the two pieces of property that are continuous to each other, the original property received from the county and the donation that was made to the Corinth School District; they could list that property for sale, so they could buy a piece of property in Corinth at the edge of the village to build a bus garage. When that bus garage is built, the current bus garage would be demolished, returning the property to the tax rolls. A request was made to waive the reverter clause.

Mr. Collyer said that he was concerned that if the committee were to waive the reverter clause that it would set a precedent for other requests that might come to the committee in the future. He recommended that the request to waive the reverter clause be denied.

A motion was made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Wood to deny the request by the Corinth School District to waive the reverter clause on property in the town of Corinth. Unanimous.

Mr. Boswich gave a brief update on the EPA's efforts to clean up the former county infirmary in the Town of Providence. He said upon the EPA's review of the site they found pails of paint and roofing tar, and 32 55-gallon drums of acids and corrosives. The waste chemicals were transported to Clean Harbors in Syracuse, NY for processing. All removal activities specified in the Action Memo and the Scope of Work have been completed.

Mr. Boswich said the next step, if approved, will be to remove the asbestos from the building.

Mr. Jarosh requested authorizing the conveyance of parcels sold at the September property auction to the successful bidders. He said there were two properties where the bid was rejected because they were improperly bid by the same individual. Those properties were offered to the under bidder.

Mr. Collyer said there was a total of \$383,000 in successful bids. The tentative profit to the county will be approximately \$296,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve the successful bids from the September 15, 2015 county auction. Mr. Ziegler abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

Mr. O'Connor said there were no property tax adjustments processed and approved by the Auditor's office during the third quarter of 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the County Auditor's third-quarter report. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom