

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
February 1, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Congdon, DeLucia, Richardson, Veitch, and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Baker presented three tender offers, which included one in each of the following towns: Malta, Milton, and Moreau/Village of So. Glens Falls. The total of the tender offers is \$33,000.59. She said these tender offers will reduce the number of parcels on the auction list to 84.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve three tender offers totaling \$33,000.59. Unanimous.

Mr. Collyer gave a brief update on the Infirmary in Providence stating that work continues to remove the asbestos in the building.

Mr. Congdon suggested that the committee consider bringing to the Legislature the issues with the Hudson River/Black River Regulating districts. Mr. Hellwig said that the Board of Supervisors has in the past couple of years requested that the State take it over in its entirety. He said the county should not be responsible for funding an entity that protects counties from the northern part of the state to New York City.

Mr. Dorsey said on the list of county foreclosures this year was the Ricketts Dry Cleaning parcel in Ballston Spa. He said there are three parcels in total. The county did take possession of one of the parcels and will be selling it at the county auction. He said there was a contract to sell the property last year, but the deal fell through because environmental contamination was found within the building and the cleanup was going to be too expensive for the purchaser.

Mr. Dorsey said he has had discussions with Mr. Collyer about having Mr. Bovich, the county's Special Council on Environmental Issues, come to the next committee meeting to review what the options are in getting the property cleaned up so it can be foreclosed upon.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom