

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
April 4, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Congdon, DeLucia, Szczepaniak, Veitch and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Drew Jarosh, Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Gary Bowitch, Special Environmental Counsel; Chad Cooke, Deputy Administrator; Brian O’Conor, Auditor; Frank McClement, Veterans Director.

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

On a motion made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Baker requested approval of a tender offer from the Town of Waterford in the amount of \$8,516.51.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak to approve a tender offer from the Town of Waterford in the amount of \$8,516.51. Unanimous.

Mrs. Baker requested approval of 42 parcels that were sold at the county’s March Auction, with a preliminary profit of \$439,594.26.

A motion was made by Mr. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak to approve the successful bids of 42 properties from the March Auction. Unanimous.

Mr. O’Conor gave a brief overview of the first quarterly report for 2016, stating there were 13 corrections totaling \$6,002.64. Additionally, there were 7 refunds totaling \$1,997.80.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak to approve the auditor’s first quarter report for 2016. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey introduced Mr. Bowitch, who has been the county’s Special Environmental Counsel, with regard to the infirmary in Providence. He said he has been very successful in getting the EPA involved and obtaining funding to clean up the property. The latest report from the EPA indicated that they are going to seek an additional \$1.2 million to finish the cleanup, which is on top of the \$800,000 that has already been obtained. In total it will be \$2 million if they are successful, to remove all the asbestos in the building and other contaminants found on the property

Mr. Dorsey said based on the results from the Providence Infirmary, Mr. Bowitch came to mind, as the county is trying to come up with solutions for the Ricketts Dry Cleaning parcel in Ballston Spa. He said there are two parcels that are located on Rt. 50. The tax lien is over \$91,000, and

the county is looking for some creative solutions to inspect the property to see what environmental issues there may be, and whether there is funding available to clean up the property.

Mr. Bowitch suggested a first step would be to further investigate if the property has contamination on it.

Mr. Dorsey said he is looking for direction from the committee as to whether or not they would like to retain Mr. Bowitch's services, under minor contract, to start the process of investigating what contaminants are on the property.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak to approve entering into a minor contract with Mr. Bowitch to begin the process of investigating contaminants on the Ricketts Dry Cleaning Property. Mr. Congdon voted no. Motion passed. (Committee Approval Only)

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom