

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
June 13, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Collyer; Supervisors Gardner Congdon, Vince DeLucia, Jean Raymond, Tom Richardson, Jon Schopf, Tim Szczepaniak, Matt Veitch and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Chad Cooke, Deputy County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Cindy Baker, Deputy County Treasurer.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Congdon the minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Aldrich reported that the 2016 equalized full value tax rate listing on Report no. 9 of 2015 was used in an incorrect field, the correct rate was used on the 2016 budget documents and all presentations. This was the only document the incorrect rate was listed on.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Richardson to amend Report no. 9-2015 to correct the equalized full value tax rate of 2015 to \$2.25983421. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey reported that the county has a parcel in Clifton Park that has failed to sell in the last 7 auctions. County Attorney's office will send letters to both adjoining neighbors advising them of the sealed bid with a deadline of July 7, 2016 for submissions. There will be no minimum bid. The successful bidder will be responsible for the 2016 taxes, the 2016-2017 school taxes as well as recording fees. Total cost would be \$34 current taxes, bid amount plus approximately \$350 recording fees. Mr. Richardson suggested and Mrs. Raymond concurred that the County waive any County recording fees. Mr. Schopf offered follow up in person with the adjoining neighbors.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Raymond to authorize the sale of tax parcel #277.7-3-38.2 by sealed bid. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey gave an update on the Rickett's parcel. Paul Kahn, the on site coordinator visited the site twice. There is cause for concern as the property is open to the public, missing door, roof has collapsed into the property, asbestos present, drums of chemicals present, contaminated soil, also indications of people having been in the property and lighting lamps as there is no electricity. The Fire Department is aware of the problems with the building and the risks associated. Mr. Kahn has recommended that the County start the process of sending a referral letter to DEC asking that they request the EPA start an emergency removal action relative to the property. Mr. Dorsey and special counsel Mr. Bowich sent a letter to DEC asking for this action to be taken.

Mr. Richardson asked if we could ask to have the building secured. Mr. Dorsey said that the Village could if they were so inclined. The County does not own this property. Mr. Dorsey has had a conversation with Mayor Romano and will bring him up to date on this report.

Mr. Collyer reported that there was a suggestion from County Treasurer Drew Jarosh to look into having the county acquired properties sold through an auction company, which would require an RFP. Sub-committee has met twice now and they feel that it's in the best interest of the Committee not to change the current procedures. This can be revisited again in the next year or two. Mr. Veitch said that they would also talk to the Technology Committee on what opportunities would be available to update current procedures to save time.

Mrs. Raymond inquired about the status of the consultant study at the old infirmary in Providence. Mr. Collyer reported that they are currently working on it and hope to be done by the end of July. The third floor has been worked on and secured for the safety of the workers. A concern that will need to be addressed is what will be done regarding security and the property once the project has been completed.

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. DeLucia the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Connolly
Legislative Clerk