

Buildings & Grounds Committee Minutes
February 5, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Matthew Veitch; Committee Members John Lant, Dick Lucia, Darren O'Connor, Kevin Tollisen and Sandra Winney. Supervisors Eric Connolly, Bill Peck, Benny Zlotnick; Steve Bulger, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, County Administrator; Hugh Burke, County Attorney; Chad Cooke, Public Works; Jason Kemper, Planning.

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

Mr. Veitch said that the one item on the agenda today is requesting a resolution authorizing an agreement with Auctions International for online auction services associated with the sale of County owned property at 31 Woodlawn Avenue in the City of Saratoga Springs.

Mr. Cooke said that this was put out to bid in early January. Four bids were received, three of which were complete submissions, and one from Auctions International, which is the preferred vendor for a few reasons. The other vendors submitted similar proposals. However, it appears that in terms of the amount of experience that the others have, maybe sell a little bit short in terms of online auctions, which is what is proposed for Woodlawn Avenue. Mr. Cooke said that we have some recent experience with online Auctions International and they've done a great job. In terms of the proposal, from Auctions International, there are no costs to the County. As part of this the successful bidder would pay a buyer's premium, which totals 6%, which appears to be a relatively consistent in this in this industry. One proposer was proposing accounting costs of 5% over anything or the market value, which we would not recommend. Mr. Tollisen, Mr. Lant and Ms. Winney all said that they have used Auctions International in their towns and have been happy with their services. Mr. Peck asked if a minimum bid would be required on this auction, and questioned the property's market value. Mr. Veitch said that if the value of the property was to be discussed, the committee should enter into executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Winney, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions on the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property, when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Winney, to return to open session. Unanimous. No action was taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Winney, to authorize an agreement with Auctions International, Inc. for online auction services associated with the sale of County owned property at 31 Woodlawn Avenue in the City of Saratoga Springs. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Winney, seconded by Mr. Lant, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board