

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes  
October 5, 2016 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Collyer; Supervisors Gardner Congdon, Tom Richardson, Tim Szczepaniak and Matt Veitch; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Brian O’Conor, Auditor; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Cindy Baker, Treasurer.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Veitch the minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Richardson to authorize a correction to the 2016 tax bills and issuance of a tax credit in the amount of \$30.90 for a parcel in the Town of Waterford. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Bosley said that the property 291.-1-7 is a cemetery and was charged for one sewer unit in error.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak to approve and confirm the auction sale of County owned lands acquired for unpaid taxes. Unanimous.**

Mr. Collyer said that the County land auction took place on September 27, 2016. Mrs. Baker said that 17 parcels went to bid and 2 parcels did not sell. One of the properties that did not sell was due to the successful bidder failing to pay the deposit, this bidder is now not eligible to bid for the next four auctions. The profit for the auction is \$120,451.10.

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Congdon to approve the County Auditors Third Quarter Report. Unanimous.**

Mr. O’Conor said that there were no property tax adjustments processed and approved by the Auditor’s office during the third quarter of 2016.

Mr. Collyer distributed photos of the infirmary in the Town of Providence. He reported that over the past weekend the infirmary was subjected to vandalism. The EPA secured gate and concrete post was torn out, plywood was torn off the back of the building and someone got into the building. There is nothing of value left in the building. Asbestos, contaminated debris and scrap metal had been removed by the EPA.

Mr. Dorsey gave a brief overview of the notification process for foreclosure properties. He said that now is a good time for Supervisors to review the potential list for any properties their Towns may want to acquire. Procedures can be viewed in the E&A procedure manual.

Mr. Dorsey expressed some concern due to the unsuccessful bid on parcel #25. Both bidders on this parcel at the March and September auctions defaulted on their bids and the under bidders opted not to pursue purchase of the property as well. He will review with the committee and the Treasurer's Office a possible special announcement regarding the sale of this property at the March 2017 auction.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Legislative Clerk