

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: MAY 1, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: BROCK
BRAYMER
MERLINO
STROUGH
DICKINSON
MCDEVITT
LEGGETT

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
MACDONALD
MONTESI
SOKOL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: SIMPSON
VANSELOW

MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 1, 2017 meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:

<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2017/environmental/>

Mr. Brock called the meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Lexie Delurey, Director of Real Property Tax Services, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review Ms. Delurey presented the following requests:

- 1) To enter into contract with Auctions International, Inc. for professional auctioneer services for the County Tax Sale commencing on December 31, 2017 and terminating upon execution of agreement.

Discussion ensued pertaining to which auctioneer had been used in the past, what the difference was between the winning bidder and past service, and whether the lowest bidder had to be used instead of a vendor the department had contracted with previously. Mr. Dickinson made a motion to contract with Brzostek's Real Estate Auction Co. Inc., and in which case that wasn't possible, to enter into agreement with Auctions International, Inc. Discussion ensued during which Mr. Dickinson withdrew his motion. A subsequent motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request to contract with Auctions International, Inc, as requested and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To authorize transfer of title for Town of Bolton Tax Map Parcel No. 123.00-2-36 to Kenneth Baker for the amount of \$10,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3) To approve the list of chargebacks as provided.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing the with the Information for Discussion/Review section, Ms. Delurey gave an update on Town of Johnsbury Tax Map Parcel No. 133.8-1-27, known as Mosher Garage, the County currently had temporary incidence of ownership but didn't give authority to do the necessary clean up. Brian Reichenbach, County Attorney, explained the law and how an unfunded remediation project without State money worked. He stated it was possible to enter into a contract with DEC to do the cleanup, but if DEC refused, the County would have to wait until they took ownership of parcel and then do cleanup. Ms. Delurey said she had contacted Todd Beadnell, County DPW employee, and obtained a list of who could do the tank removal on the property if DEC should enter into contract for the cleanup. Mr. McDevitt inquired about a Queensbury parcel located on Bay Road and Ms. Delurey responded that there was an interested party who wanted to purchase the property and would be hearing back soon whether the gentleman would be proceeding with sale. Discussion ensued.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Frank Thomas, Budget Officer, who inquired as to the tax warrant on State of New York on State land, Mr. Swan apprised that the State had paid the taxes, although they had paid late.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. McDevitt, Mr. Brock adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board