

REAL ESTATE TAX CYCLE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

PRESENT: P. Chapman, M. King, C. Hankins, M. Walters, E. Foster

ABSENT: K. Novacich-Koberna

OTHERS: T. Soland, S. Rolens, T. McRae, C. Slusser, A. Meyer, D. Ming-Mendoza, B. Davis, A. Esping, J. Dauderman, C. Bethel, P. McRae, D. Michael, K. Prenzler

Mr. Hankins moved, seconded by Mr. Walters, to approve the January meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURER:

C. Slusser reported that February 15th, 2019 is the final date tax payers can make payments before the tax sale. The tax sale will begin on Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the County Board room and will continue until it is complete even if that means going into Tuesday. Mr. Slusser said they have made 15 real estate distributions this year and distributed \$416,735,649.84 which is 97.84% of taxes extended. The next redistribution will be March 13th, 2019.

COUNTY CLERK:

D. Ming-Mendoza reported that the Tax Extension is advancing and the percentage of dollars extended by the Treasurer is what is being calculated for the 2018 bill, payable in 2019. She said all of the levies are in and the bonds are what is being focused on now. She concluded her report by saying that approximately 200 tax deeds have been signed by Chairman Prenzler and herself.

RECORDER:

A. Meyer started her report by announcing that the Records Office now accepts credit/debit cards as a form of payment. She also said documents that were filed from 1985-1996 have been digitized and are now available online through their subscription service. Ms. Meyer provided monthly graphs to the committee and brought attention to the Deeds of Conveyance being down significantly and to the increased Lis Pendens. Ms. Meyer along with County Board Member, T. McRae, said this is unfortunate and an eye needs to be kept on this trend. She wrapped up her monthly report by saying that paper transactions continue to decrease and electronic submissions continue to rise. Ms. Meyer received praise for upgrading technological capabilities throughout her office resulting in being more efficient.

County Board Member, D. Michael, asked Ms. Meyer if there was a way to track home mortgages. Ms. Meyer said there was and will be providing information to Mr. Michael on that process.

ASSESSOR:

J. Dauderman reported they are no longer correcting any 2017 exemptions due to the upcoming Tax Sale and continue to work on 2018 exemption renewals. Mr. Dauderman said that all of the deed research and name changes have been completed for 2018. He also said the Research and Transfer Techs are currently working on January deeds. Mr. Dauderman said they are in the process balancing the Board of Review abstracts and will soon start calculating multipliers. He goes on to speak about the 2019 quadrennial reassessments. The Townships included are Alhambra, Hamel and Leef. At last, Mr. Dauderman reported the Evaluation Crew is working in Hamel.

BOARD OF REVIEW:

T. Soland reported the office is processing 2018 Senior Freeze Renewals and some 2019 renewals. She said they continue to process state appeals and will begin the Enterprize Zone Abatements once the multipliers are applied. Ms. Soland said the Intent to Equalize was published in the Edwardsville Intelligencer on February 1, 2019. Ms. Soland finished her report by saying once the new board member is appointed, they can equalize and conduct their equalization hearing.

I.T.:

B. Davis reported that January was a quiet month and the department provided general support.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve the bills for the month. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: M. King, C. Hankins, M. Walters, E. Foster NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. King to approve the property trustee report as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: M. King, C. Hankins, M. Walters, E. Foster NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Meyer reported that the Fee Schedule is pending and is waiting for the go ahead.

A. Meyer reported on the future ADA project in her office. She said she is coordinating with Facilities to get hard surface flooring rather than carpeting and has found material already in use within the building which is a County Standard.

Chairman Chapman spoke to the committee on GIS Fees. He said that per reports from the Assessors Office and the IT Department, there is a great chance that GIS fees are not at the level it should be. Before the meeting, Mr. Chapman was asked where the money goes for these services and his response was it depends on the funds and which charges apply. Mr. Chapman said that some of the money goes into Mr. Hulmes funds and/or into the General Fund.

J. Dauderman gave a brief summary on the Quadrennial Realignment to bring Counter Board Members D. Michael and T. McRae up to date on the issue. There was discussion on how to possibly make the realignment an easier process that will take place in 2020. Mr. Dauderman said there will need to be a Resolution from the County Board to move forward with the process.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. Hankins, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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