

**Crawford County  
Delinquent Tax Committee Meeting  
April 14, 2021**

- Call to order** The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chairman Derek Flansburgh. In attendance were: Committee members Derek Flansburgh, Geri Kozelka and Duane Rogers, Tom Cornford – County Board Chairman, Deanne Lutz – County Treasurer, Gionne Collins – Real Property Lister and Julie Jackson – Chief Deputy Treasurer.
- Verify posting & Approval of Minutes** Flansburgh verified that the meeting notice was properly posted. Motion made by Rogers, seconded by Kozelka to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on July 22, 2020. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- 2021 Title Work Bid** Deanne Lutz mentioned that only one bid was received for the 2021 title work. Crawford County Title Services, Inc. submitted a bid for \$65.00 per parcel, which is the same as last year's bid amount and it will cover the title work for the 2017 delinquent tax year. Motion made by Rogers, seconded by Kozelka to accept the bid received from Crawford County Title Services, Inc. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Update on Foreclosure properties** Lutz provided a list showing the 2015 foreclosure properties that have been filed with circuit court. She noted that several are "Owner Uncertain" properties and gave the committee details on acreage and taxes due for the four (4) properties that do have ownership information on file. Lutz stated that she will issue one last final notice before moving forward with the default judgment.
- Surrender of Property** Lutz informed the committee that she had been contacted by two separate property owners who would like to forego the foreclosure process and surrender their property.
- Marsha Clark owns two tax parcels that have delinquent taxes dating back to 2017. Gionne Collins stated that these were slivers of land that resulted from a survey error and she'd been in contact with her since 2012 to get it corrected. Ms. Clark no longer wants the property. There was a brief discussion on incurring foreclosure costs or transferring the property by quit-claim deed to adjoining property owners. Collins suggested that recording fees be paid by the landowners receiving the property. The committee agreed that no motion was necessary yet at this time, but directed Lutz to refer the matter to Mark Peterson, Corporate Counsel, for advisement.
- Rita Ewers owns one tax parcel with delinquent taxes dating back to 2018. Lutz has been in contact with her and she is willing to transfer ownership, however, it abuts the highway. Collins reported that the Village of Steuben had done an assessor's plat, so this property has an easy legal description for transfer of ownership. Tom Cornford asked about a quit-claim deed and whether the County Highway Department would be interested in retaining this property for maintenance purposes.

The committee agreed that it should be discussed with Kyle Kozelka, County Highway Commissioner. Collins stated that she would email him to discuss potential ownership and report back to the committee.

Lutz mentioned that the next meeting will be held sometime after deadline of the final thirty-day notice for the 2015 delinquent taxes.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Rogers, seconded by Kozelka to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried with no negative votes cast.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

**Julie Jackson, Chief Deputy Treasurer**