Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:24 a.m. by Chairman Derek Flansburgh. In attendance were: Committee members Derek Flansburgh and Kersten Rocksvold, Tom Cornford — County Board Chairman, Deanne Lutz — County Treasurer, Mark Peterson — Corporate Counsel, Gionne Collins — Real Property Lister and Julie Jackson — Chief Deputy Treasurer.

Verify posting and Approval of Minutes

Flansburgh verified that the meeting notice was properly posted. Motion made by Flansburgh, seconded by Rocksvold to approve the minutes of the previous (April 24, 2019) meeting. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Update on Blackhawk Junction

Deanne Lutz provided information on rent amounts for the existing businesses and copies of the outstanding City of Prairie du Chien charges in regard to water and sewer and false fire alarms. There was a brief discussion on the City’s billing for false fire alarms. Flansburgh recommended that we get clarification from the City on their method of billing. Collins stated that she was unsure as to whether those charges could be added to the tax bills as special assessments.

Lutz explained that the DOT will be acquiring a Temporary Limited Easement from the County (after the County has taken ownership) for an upcoming project adjacent to Blackhawk Junction. The DOT is proposing to pay the County $1,300.00 for the easement. No action taken.

Bid offer to purchase land

Lutz informed the committee that we’d received an offer to purchase Property #1 in Bridgeport Township that had been previously advertised with the 2013 tax deed foreclosures, yet no sealed bids were received at that time. Andrew Novak submitted a bid offer of $100, though he is not an adjoining land owner. There was discussion on whether or not the Town of Bridgeport was interested in that property.

Motion made by Cornford, seconded by Rocksvold pending contact with the Town of Bridgeport and if Bridgeport doesn’t want it, then we will convey it to Novak. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Aerial Photos - boundary line issue

Lutz explained the issues with the boundary lines regarding the Ida France property in the Village of Soldiers Grove, which is Property #1 on the 2014 tax deed foreclosures. Collins provided background information on the mapping and suggested that we contact Richard Marks, County Surveyor, to get an estimate of what a survey would cost.

Motion made by Flansburgh, seconded by Rocksvold to have Collins check with Marks to get an estimated cost for a survey.
Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Set date to review 2014 foreclosure properties

Lutz explained the process for reviewing the foreclosure properties (once the County takes ownership) and establishing values for each property. Collins clarified that the assessor also reviews the properties at a later date with the auctioneer. There was a brief discussion on who would be reviewing the properties with Lutz and it was determined that a date would be set through a joint email.

No action taken.

Resolution changes

Lutz proposed some revisions to the existing resolution that authorizes fees for foreclosures. She felt the resolution needed additional clarification and noted that it had been sent to Peterson’s office for review. There was a brief discussion regarding the changes.

Motion made by Rocksvold, seconded by Flansburgh to accept the changes as proposed and amend the resolution.

Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Adjournment

Motion made by Flansburgh, seconded by Rocksvold to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Julie Jackson, Chief Deputy Treasurer