

**Finance Meeting
May 10, 2023**

Attendees

Committee: Art Merrill, Wayland Gladstone, George Haynes, John Kosier, Wayne Marshfield, Jeff Taggart, Mark Tuthill, Tina Molé

Staff: Beverly Shields, Jeremy Rase, Penny Bishop

Mr. Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Gladstone, the draft minutes of the April 26 meeting were approved.

The Sales Tax report updated May 5 was reviewed which indicates a decrease in collection thus far of 3.1589 percent compared to last year.

In reply to Mr. Taggart, Mr. Merrill confirmed the gas tax exemption will take effect June 1. *The exemption is for three sales tax quarters and will expire March 1, 2024.*

Treasurer's Office – Beverly Shields

Mrs. Shields reported on fallout issues of the foreclosure auction. There were five parcels where they notified the second bidder due to winning bidders defaulting. The Rivera lot in Tompkins was actually two parcels divided by town lines and the parcel that was foreclosed on is now landlocked and the first bidder defaulted. Mr. Taggart said he was in favor of putting a lien on the parcel. Mr. Gladstone noted that would put the County as a partner in the deed to secure the County's interest. Mr. Merrill stated they would reserve the option to put a lien on the property. Mr. Haynes suggested offering the parcel to neighbors of the property to keep it on the tax rolls. Mr. Gladstone stated they could subdivide the parcel to break it out of the deed. Mr. Rase indicated this matter should be researched as he believes a lien may be applied to the whole lot not just the parcel foreclosed on. The first bidder on the Neumair lot in Deposit defaulted on his bid of \$33,000; the second bidder offered to accept the sale at his highest bid of \$27,000. Mr. Merrill indicated the protocol is to offer the property to the second bidder at the winning bid amount. If that is not accepted, then put the lot up for sealed bid. Mrs. Shields reported they have not heard back from the second bidder on the Bain lot in Davenport.

On a motion by Mr. Taggart, seconded by Mr. Marshfield the Committee entered into executive session to discuss matters concerning a particular parcel from the foreclosure auction.

Committee reconvened in regular session. Mr. Haynes made a motion to sell the 97.50 acre landlocked Ciolli lot in Bovina to first bidder Michael Scarimbolo and company. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taggart and unanimously carried.

Clerk of the Board – Penny Bishop

Mrs. Bishop noted that Office for the Aging had asked Fiscal Affairs to add a drop-down option to their AllPaid credit card system to accept payments for Senior Council events. FA is very cautious

about accepting payments for an entity that is not a County department. Mr. Merrill confirmed Senior Council is a separate entity and the County cannot run credit card payments for any outside entity.

Mr. Taggart made a motion not to accept credit card payments for any outside entities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haynes and unanimously carried.

There were three not-prefiled resolutions for review: Apportionment of Mortgage Tax, Payment of Bond Anticipation Note for the Capital DPW Complex, and the Payment of Audit resolution.

Travel, equipment and vacancy requests were approved as presented.

Upon a motion, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.