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**WASHINGTON COUNTY
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Courthouse - Government Center
West Bend, WI

October 26, 2012
8:30 a.m.

Present: Leslie Borman, Ralph Hensel, Marilyn Merten, and Robert Milich.

Excused: Todd White.

Also Present: Finance Director Susan Haag, County Attorney Kim Nass, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, and Deputy Finance Director Paul Labonte.

Chairperson Hensel called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Milich, seconded by Ms. Merten to approve the Finance Committee minutes of September 26, 27, 28, October 1, and 2, 2012 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Borman, seconded by Ms. Merten to approve the Finance Sub-Committee minutes of October 3, 10, and 17, 2012, as presented. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2013 BUDGET

Ms. Haag informed the Committee there were no amendments submitted.

SALES TAX REPORT

The total received in October 2012 for sales tax earned in August 2012 was \$776,500.30, for a 2012 total of \$6,043,019.80, net of Cabela's. Moved by Ms. Merten, seconded by Mr. Borman to accept the sales tax report as presented. Motion carried.

CONSIDER OFFER TO REDEEM - TAX DEED T11-0106-00D, TOWN OF TRENTON

As directed by this Committee, Ms. Nass sent a letter to Robert Kopp and Peter Kopp on September 14, 2012, known living relatives of the former owner, Dieter Heckeke, informing them of the steps to be taken if they wanted to redeem. The date of October 5, 2012, was listed in that letter by which an application to redeem needed to be submitted. Since the County had not received an application to redeem by the deadline, this parcel was included in the current Notice of Tax Deed Sale. On October 22, 2012, the County Clerk received an Application and Affidavit on behalf of Robert Kopp, along with a check in the amount of \$17,311.69 for full payment of the outstanding taxes, interest, penalty, and fees, for the repurchase of this tax deed parcel. If this Committee accepts the Application for redemption by Mr. Kopp, no bids would be opened for this parcel if any are received.

Moved by Mr. Milich, seconded by Ms. Merten to accept the Application and Affidavit of Robert Kopp to redeem tax deed parcel T11-0106-00D in the Town of Trenton. Motion carried.

UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON TAX DEED PARCELS

291-1119-122-0004 – City of West Bend – NRLL East:

Appearance: City of West Bend Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Craig Hoepfner

1 Ms. Nass stated that she has been in contact with Mr. Hoepfner regarding this parcel. As previously
2 noted, this is the second time this parcel has been taken by the County through the tax deed foreclosure
3 process. Since it adjoins Lac Lawrann Conservancy, Mr. Hoepfner stated the City would be interested
4 in obtaining it as a buffer to Lac Lawrann, however, the City Council will need to approve the
5 transaction. It was noted that in the past, the County has required a municipality obtaining a tax deed
6 property to pay the municipality's portion of the taxes that the County has already paid.
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8 Moved by Ms. Merten, seconded by Mr. Borman to authorize the transfer of deed for tax key 291-
9 1119-004, to the City of West Bend upon receipt of the City of West Bend's portion of 2007 through
10 2012 taxes, interest, and penalties. Motion carried.
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12 **V5-0032-00A – Village of Slinger - Froze-Stoehr:**

13 This parcel is currently out for bid, with a bid due date of November 9, 2012. Ms. Nass stated that if
14 no bids are received, once a new Administrator is hired in the Village of Slinger, she will contact that
15 person to discuss a possible resolution for disposition of this parcel.
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17 **T4-0339-00C – Town of Farmington – Schommer:**

18 This parcel is currently out for bid, with a bid due date of November 9, 2012.
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20 **T1-0681-00Y – Town of Addison – Pagels:**

21 Ms. Nass will continue to research the outstanding Federal tax warrants prior to taking the deed. She
22 will report back to this Committee next month with options for this parcel.
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24 **T1-0930-00Z – Town of Addison – Neuville:**

25 This parcel is currently out for bid, with a bid due date of November 9, 2012.
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27 **T13-0131-300 – Town of West Bend – Zielieke & Breger:**

28 This parcel is currently out for bid, with a bid due date of November 9, 2012.
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30 **V5-0081 – Village of Slinger – Harju Holdings LLC:**

31 Ms. Nass believes the environmental issues have been cleaned up. Washington County has not yet
32 taken the deed to this parcel. The Special Assessments are related to sanitation pick up. Ms. Nass will
33 continue to do research on this parcel as the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of
34 Natural Resources may try to recover their costs for the environmental clean up.
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36 **36-3201-001-001 – City of Hartford – Kettle Moraine Realty Ltd:**

37 Ms. Nass sent a letter to Martin Knuth, owner of record for this parcel regarding the outstanding taxes
38 and received no response. Mr. Knuth telephoned the County Clerk inquiring about the total amount of
39 back taxes, interest and penalty owed and Ms. Jaszewski provided an updated amount which she
40 received from the Treasurer's office. Ms. Nass will review the Certified Survey Maps relating to this
41 parcel.
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43 Moved by Ms. Merten, seconded by Mr. Milich to authorize the County Attorney to take the deed to
44 parcel 36-3201-001-001 in the City of Hartford, prior to December 31, 2012. Motion carried.
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46 **V3-0017-108 – Village of Jackson – Miller:**

47 This parcel is currently out for bid, with a bid due date of November 9, 2012.
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1 **V4-0195 – Village of Kewaskum – Zettler:**

2 This parcel is currently out for bid, with a bid due date of November 9, 2012.

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4 **T8-0111-00G – Town of Kewaskum – Schmidt:**

5 Ms. Nass reported the estate remains open and Mr. Schmidt's daughter is the personal representative.

6 The Committee agreed that Ms. Nass should commence with the *in rem* foreclosure and proceed with

7 the agreement between Washington County and the Town of Kewaskum. Ms. Nass indicated that in

8 the claim we filed, we reserved the right to add on the current taxes, plus any additional interest and

9 penalties.

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11 **T7-0943-051 – Town of Jackson – Washington County:**

12 This parcel is currently out for bid, with a bid due date of November 9, 2012. Ms. Nass stated she has

13 contacted the Town of Jackson as previously requested by this Committee, to request the County be

14 reimbursed \$1,663.34, for the taxes, which should not have been assessed as this parcel should have

15 been exempt when owned by Habitat for Humanity. The response from their Town Assessor, Michael

16 Grotta indicated that it was the owner's responsibility to request exemption and Habitat for Humanity

17 did not seek exemption. The Committee agreed to hold off on any further action until after the

18 November 9, 2012, bid due date.

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20 **NEXT MEETING DATES**

21 The next regular Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2012. The

22 Finance Sub-Committee will tentatively meet on Wednesday, November 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2012.

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24 **ADJOURNMENT**

25 Moved by Mr. Borman, seconded by Mr. Milich to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried.

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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk