

## **REAL ESTATE TAX CYCLE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

PRESENT: P. Chapman, D. Moore, D. Michael, K. Novacich-Koberna, M. Parkinson

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS: J. Dauderman, D. Ming-Mendoza, T. Lack, V. Cassens, B. Powers, T. Soland, S. Rolens, A. Meyer, P. Curtin, C. Slusser, P. McRae, T. McRae, D. Hulme, K. Prenzler, M. Babcock

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Ms. Novacich-Koberna, to approve the May meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wood River Township Supervisor, Michael Babcock, spoke to the committee to show his support for the resolution which will require all taxing bodies in Madison County to allow voters to decide if those taxing bodies can incur bond indebtedness that property tax payers must pay back. Mr. Babcock goes on to discuss back door referendums and how they can negatively affect taxpayers. Please refer to the audio to listen to Mr. Babcock's full statement.

### **TREASURER:**

Mr. Slusser reported that property tax bills were mailed on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. He briefly explains an issue that happened with one of the school district bonds and how it was resolved. The Treasurer praised Debbie Ming-Mendoza's office and the IT department with how quickly and efficiently they worked to still meet the deadline on bills. The first distribution for real estate taxes is June 12<sup>th</sup> and will distribute 9,468,294.56 which is 2.22% of the adjusted tax extension. The second distribution will be on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **COUNTY CLERK:**

D. Ming-Mendoza addressed the committee and said the abstracts for the TIF district are currently being worked on and will be submitted to the State along with the Enterprise Zone Abstracts and the Taxing District Abstracts which will be completed by July.

### **RECORDER:**

A. Meyer provided the committee with several graphs highlighting deeds of conveyance which are down, Les Pendens which are also down for the month of June and then the Judicial Deeds which are up a bit. Ms. Meyer said the office is currently experiencing a very busy time in the office due to tax bills going out and the summer season. The Recorder has asked to meet with Board Members to discuss predicable fees and how they should operate. She also thinks it may be time to conduct another fee study. It was noted that the Electronic Recordings have spiked due to the MyDec system.

### **ASSESSOR:**

J. Dauderman reported that the office has been really busy since tax bills went out and they are working with the Board of Review on tax bill corrections. He says that new applications for 2018 exemptions are being processed, research techs are working on April and May deeds and there are 2 new part timers working with the Quad in Godfrey. Mr. Dauderman says he hopes that property values will be published in late June. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, they had their 2019 Farmland Review Committee meeting where they discuss farmland values. After the meeting they had a public hearing where they voted and approved 2019 farmland values. Mr. Dauderman said that the average farmland value in Madison County is \$253.75 per acre.

## **BOARD OF REVIEW:**

B. Powers stated they continue to process Senior Freeze Applications, writing bill corrections and have been working with Township Assessors to make sure all corrections are made and all questions are answered. She said there are 2 tax exemption hearings scheduled for Anderson Hospital on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Powers says that the Assessor's office, Maps and Platt's Department and the Community Development department have been working together to improve the Enterprise Zone reporting. The Board of Review is preparing for their appeal time and waiting on the Assessor's publications. She anticipates the office will be extremely busy once those are published.

## **I.T.:**

V. Cassens reported they helped the County Clerk and Treasurer offices get the tax bills out and all together there was 126,546 property tax bills and 2, 276 mobile home tax bills.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Ms. Novacich-Koberna, 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: D. Moore, D. Michael, K. Novacich-Koberna, M. Parkinson NAYS: None.

A discussion took place regarding the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) and whether or not it should be placed on the November ballot. In short, PTELL was explained as a tool to limit the ability to increase taxes inside municipalities. PTELL will not affect "home rule" townships such as Edwardsville, Alton, Collinsville and Granite City. Committee members voiced their concerns and weighed the pros and cons of PTELL. Chairman Chapman withdrew the PTELL Resolution from consideration with full consent of the committee.

Mr. Michael moved, seconded by Mr. Parkinson, to approve the resolution to present an Advisory Public Question via Countywide Referendum on whether units of government in Madison County shall first obtain voter approval by Advisory Referendum before incurring bond debt. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: D. Moore, D. Michael, K. Novacich-Koberna, M. Parkinson NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Novacich-Koberna, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**