

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**  
**June 25, 2013**

**PRESENT:**

**Kevin McDonald, Chairman**  
**Ronald Knott**  
**Jesse DeGroot**  
**Thomas Garrick**  
**Raymond Staats**  
**Matt Murell**

**ABSENT:**

**Edward Cross, notified**  
**Ellen Thurston, notified**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk**  
**Arnold Schneider**  
**Christopher Watz-ACA**  
**Arthur Baer**  
**Roy Brown**  
**Peter Bujanow**  
**Richard Anderson**  
**Richard Moran**  
**Ronald Caponera**  
**Suzette Booy**  
**Virginia Martin**  
**Chairman Grattan**

**PRESS: 2**

**Chairman McDonald called the County Government Committee meeting to order at 5:00 PM.**

**Real Property Tax Service Agency: S. Booy**

**Final Assessment Rolls: being prepared now and will be filled on July 1, 2013. PDF's of Assessment Rolls should be available on the County Website July 1, 2013.**

**Grievance Day: Grievance Day was quiet in most Towns this year. S. Booy attended Grievance Day in the Towns of Austerlitz and Hillsdale.**

**Board of Realtors: S. Booy attended a membership meeting on May 9, 2013 at the Columbia Greene Board of Realtors Office to go over their new access to SDG & Tax Maps.**

**STAR Exemption Removal: Countywide there are nine (9) parcels that had STAR exemptions removed prior to the printing of the 2013 Assessment Rolls because the owners have State & Tax Liabilities that were greater than \$4,500.00. Assessors were notified by NYS Tax & Finance to remove the STARS.**

**BASIC STAR 2014 ASSESSMENT ROLL: All taxpayers that are currently receiving the Basic STAR exemption will be required to REAPPLY with NYS beginning this summer/fall by filling out an on-line**

**Application or calling a 1-800 number. Also S. Booy will post this on her county website and in the local papers, Supervisors and Town Clerks.**

**FYI: Nine (9) towns have re-appointed their Assessors, she is waiting to hear from eight (8) of those nine (9) towns.**

**S. Booy also mentioned that Clermont will have a re-val this year, along with Kinderhook and New Lebanon in 2015.**

**S. Booy asked the committee if they had any objection to her posting information on face book. No one really objected to this, although a lot of the committee members do not access face book.**

**Weights & Measures: A. Schneider**

**May 2013 Monthly Report was reviewed and approve, motion by J. DeGroot, seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.**

**County Attorney's Office: C. Watz**

**Information: This request will be sent to the Public Works Committee: Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a property exchange to the City of Hudson conveying 0.03 acres (1,346sf) of land at 330 Columbia Street upon review and recommendation of the County Attorney, this is in reference to the City of Hudson wishes to build a linear park from Columbia Street to State Street with this piece of property needed to support the project.**

**Update on Tax Foreclosures: Seven (7) Properties are in front of Judge Nichols for the order to be signed.**

**Historian:** Chairman McDonald presented request

Authorization to fill One (1) Temporary PT Clerk/Typist position in the Office of the Historian starting July 11, 0213, Grade 10, step one salary of \$14.98/hour, motion by R. Knott, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee if approved forward to Finance.

President Peter Bujanow of the Friends of Lindenwald distributed to the committee a Timeline of the Martin Van Buren-Lindenwald events that started back in 1797. This was presented to the Board last June, 2012. Reading the facts and events, nothing happened at that point last year. He has requested that the County consider donating land that is owned by the County adjacent to Lindenwald. The Friends of Lindenwald appeared again before the County Government Committee on June 25, 2013 to discuss the possibility of transferring ownership of the Martin Van Buren Park and trails to the Friends of Lindenwald for the purpose of preserving the Lindenwald View shed, maintaining the developed trails and to develop additional community event and programming, a motion was made to forward to County Attorney on how to proceed to do this by R. Knott, seconded by J. DeGroodt, carried. 1 opposed.

Chairman Grattan presented to the committee a request that it is time to sell the Ockawamick property. By selling this it will get expenses down, and bring money into the County with the Sale. The first step is to consult with the County Attorney to get an appraisal of the property. Motion by M. Murell, seconded by R. Knott, motion carried. One (1) opposed.

With no further discussion a motion to adjourn at 6:17 PM by R. Knott, seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.

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