

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE MEETING – NOVEMBER 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Lonnie Mosley at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, showing a quorum present as follows.

Members Present

Lonnie Mosley, Chairman
Marty Crawford
Scott Greenwald
Dean Pruett
Roy Mosley, Jr.

Members Absent

Joan McIntosh
James Haywood

Others Present:

Whitney Strohmeier, Tax Agent Office
Cheryl Goodrick, Tax Agent Office
Mike Mitchell, Demolition Coordinator
Visitors listed under Item 3

1. MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 Trustee Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

2. TAX AGENT'S REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Revolving Account Activity:** The Revolving Account Activity Report for October 2019 shows a Beginning Balance of \$17,987.77, Total Disbursements of -\$12,040.00, Receipts of \$3,904.27, Allocated Pool Interest in the amount of \$13.93 with a Balance at Month End of \$9,865.97.
- b. **Payment Account Activity:** The Payment Account Activity Report for October 2019 shows a Beginning Balance of \$1,013,072.33 and a Balance at Month End of \$1,310,477.76.
- c. **Monthly Redemption Reports:**
The Real Estate Monthly Redemption Report for October 2019 shows the Amount of Penalty as \$10,200.03; the Amount of Tax as \$32,187.04; Year to Date Totals of the Amount of Penalty as \$323,114.21 and the Year to Date Amount of Tax as \$854,494.93. The Total Collected Year to Date is \$1,177,609.14.

The Mobile Home Monthly Redemption Report for October 2019 shows the Amount of Penalty as \$984.39; the Amount of Tax as \$2,858.83; Year to Date Totals of the Amount of Penalty as \$11,199.61 and the Year to Date Amount of Tax as \$30,299.30. The Total Collected Year to Date is \$41,498.91.
- d. **Monthly Resolution List:** During the month of November 2019 there were 149 resolutions presented to the Committee for consideration showing a Total Collected of \$292,999.10, total to County Clerk of \$14,391.75, total to Auctioneer of \$3,413.25, total to Recorder of Deeds \$12,219.75, total to Agent of \$98,911.89 total to County Treasurer of \$163,991.66 and a total to the County of \$190,603.16.

e. **Update Report:**

Erma Millard – Account #201402147: Payment of \$84800 to be paid by October 31, 2019. Payment of \$848.00 received on October 24, 2019.

Autumn Rounkles- Account #1018306: Payment of \$289.00 to be paid by October 31, 2019. Payment of \$300.00 received on October 22, 2019.

Antonio Thigpen - Account #1018239: Payment of \$210.00 to be paid by October 31, 2019. Payment of \$220.00 received on October 31, 2019.

Jeremiah Tilmon - Account #0717299: Payment of \$57.00 to be paid. No payment received.

Rose Veal - Account #201202292: Payment of \$744.00 to be paid by October 18, 2019. No payment received.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Tax Agent's reports. Motion carried.

A motion was made by S. Greenwald, seconded by Mr. Pruett to accept the Trustee Committee Meeting Schedule and Auction Sales. Motion carried.

3. **VISITORS' REQUESTS:**

- a. **Down Payment Accounts:** Mr. Strohmeyer presented a list of accounts on which down payments have been paid and a six (6) month time payment extension granted.
- b. **Payment in Full Accounts:** Mr. Strohmeyer presented a list of accounts which were paid in full.
- c. **Yekita Diggs:** Ms. Diggs is interested in a property that was bid up at the auction and the bidder left. The Committee stated that the price would be the next highest bid. The property is scheduled to be in the January auction.
- d. **Glenda Merriweather:** Ms. Merriweather requested an extension on account #201302650. The property is located at 753 Terrace Drive in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent for taxes in the amount of \$3,683.51. Any extension would require full County Board approval. A motion was made by Mr. Pruett and seconded by Mr. Mosley, Jr. to accept a down payment of \$735.00 and approve a six (6) month time payment extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- e. **James Roy:** Mr. Roy researching property on account #201502112. Mr. Strohmeyer will check on the tax issue and contact Mr. Roy. No action.
- f. **JJE Real Estate Inv:** JJE Real Estate requested an extension on account #0718046. The property is located at 209 Judith Lane in Cahokia. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$3,378.92. A motion was made by Mr. Greenwald, seconded by Mr. Pruett to accept a down payment in the amount of \$700.00 and approve a six (6) month time payment extension. Motion carried.
- g. **Egazabia Bennett for Soul Reaching:** Mr. Bennett appeared for accounts # 02-26 0-422-038 and 02-26 0-422-039. The properties are located at North 87th and State and 8740 State Street in East St. Louis. Mr. Bennett appeared at the October and he was requested to bring the Non-Profit documentation of the Funder and Corporation resite plan without the 3rd parcel. He indicated they are ready to purchase and need a price. They believe the buildings will need to be demolished as opposed to rehabbing. He believed that they could begin the project within in three (3) months after acquiring the property. A motion was Mr. Mosley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Pruett to give Mr. Strohmeyer permission to enter into negotiations with the non-profit after which time the designated purchase price will be determined and may be purchased only if after 90 days they have shown significant action on the parcels. Motion carried.

- h. **Terrance Johnston:** Mr. Johnston requested an reinstatement with time payments on account # 1018273. The property is located at 815 North 75th Street in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent for taxes in the amount of \$2,523.97. Any extension would require full County Board approval. The property is in the auction. A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Greenwald to accept a down payment in the amount of \$500.00, remove from the auction and approve a six (6) month time payment extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- i. **Sandy Taylor:** Mr. Taylor requested an extension on account #0118183 located at 906 Joliet Drive in Cahokia and account #1017293. Account # 0118183 is delinquent for taxes in the amount of \$14,049.64. Any extension would require full County Board approval. A motion was made by Mr. Greenwald seconded by Mr. Pruett to accept a payment in the amount of \$6,320.56 to pay off account #1017293 and approve a down payment of \$379.44 and a six (6) month time payment extension for account #201500534 with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- j. **Demarius Thomas by DeMonti Thomas:** Mr. Thomas requested an extension on account # 01502524 The property is located at 805 South 42nd Street in Centreville. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$6,789.15. He did not have the funds this evening. Rescheduled for December. No action.
- k. **Damarias Collier:** Mr. Collier requested an extension on account #201401199. The property is located at 4604 Bunkum Road in Washington Park. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$15,856.99. He did not have the funds this evening. Rescheduled for December. No action.
- l. **Larry Sweatt:** Mr. Sweatt requested an extension on account #201401353. The property is located at 806 North 34th Street in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$3,955.80. Mr. Sweatt brought pictures of his progress on the clean-up of the property. Cleaned up the yard and removed some of the derelict vehicles. He did not have the funds this evening. Rescheduled for December. No action.
- m. **Kenneth Brown:** Mr. Brown requested an extension on account #0717082. The property is located at 1661 North 38th Street in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$2,845.95. Any extension would require full County Board approval. A motion was made by Mr. Greenwald seconded by Mr. Pruett to accept a down payment in the amount \$500.00 with a balance of \$60.00 to be paid by December 11 and approve a six (6) month time payment extension with full County Board approval.
- n. **Larhonda Johnson by Whitney Strohmeier:** Requested an extension on account #201501171. The property is located at 1442 North 39th Street in East St. Louis. The property is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$4,081.29. A motion was made by Mr. Greenwald, seconded by Mr. Pruett to accept a down payment in the amount of \$810.00 and approve a six (6) month time payment extension. Motion carried.
- o. **Victoria Ferguson by Whitney Strohmeier:** Requested an extension on account #201401601. The property is located at 2228 Gaty Avenue in East St. Louis. The property is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$4,543.27. Any extension would need full County Board approval. A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Greenwald to accept a down payment in the amount of \$905.00 and approve a six (6) month time payment extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- p. The following people were scheduled to attend, but did not show up:
 - 1) **Michael Austin:** Requested an extension on accounts #201402359 and 201402360.
 - 2) **Bell and Tikki Weathersby:** Requested an extension on 201501787.

4. **DEMOLITION PROGRAM:**

Mr. Mitchell reported that there was a bid opening for 20 houses in Washington Park. Three companies submitted bids Hank's Excavating, Middendorf, Inc. and S. Shafer Excavating. S. Shafer Excavating was the low bidder at \$115,700.00 with Middendorf, Inc. at \$135,000.00 and Hank's Excavating bidding \$161,000.00. Mr. Mitchell recommended accepting the low bid from S. Shafer Excavating.

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Greenwald that they accept the lowest responsible bidder, bidder. Motion carried.

S. Shafer is also doing the 1902- ESL. He has done four of the properties; 2106 Gaty, 2107 Gaty, 3201 State Street and 3203 State Street. He is requesting payment for these properties at a cost of \$36,000.00.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the additions of 3201 and 3203 State Street because they were a danger due to it being in close proximity to a bus stop. S. Shafer was the low bidder and did the demolitions.

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Pruett to pay the invoice from S. Shafer in the amount of \$36,000.00. Motion carried.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Strohmeyer reported that Power of Change Church, Bishop Henry Phillips is requesting to purchase three (3) properties in East St. Louis. Two (2) of the properties are being paid on so they are not available and the other is 1917 Central Avenue. Mr. Strohmeyer will send the particulars to Mr. Mosley, Jr. for review.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnie Mosley, Chairman
St. Clair County Trustee Committee