

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE MEETING – May 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Lonnie Mosley at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, showing a quorum present as follows.

Members Attended:

Lonnie Mosley
Marty Crawford
Scott Greenwald
Andy Bittle
Courtney Moore
Roy Mosley, Jr. – 6:39 p.m.

Members Absent

Harry Hollingsworth

Others Attending:

Whitney Strohmeier, Tax Agent Office
Keith St. Pierre, Tax Agent Office
Mike Mitchell, Demolition Coordinator

1. **MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mr. Greenwald and seconded by Mr. Bittle to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024, Trustee Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

2. **TAX AGENT'S REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

a. **Revolving Account Activity:** The Revolving Account Activity Report for April 2024 shows a Beginning Balance of \$154,006.60, Receipts of \$8,490.60, Total Disbursements of \$53.97, Allocated Pool Interest in the amount of \$403.05 with a Balance at Month End of \$162,846.28.

b. **Payment Account Activity:** The Payment Account Activity Report for April 2024 shows a Beginning Balance of \$656,553.65 and a Balance at Month End of \$700,281.34.

c. **Monthly Redemption Reports:**

The Real Estate Monthly Redemption Report for April 2024 shows the Amount of Penalty as \$32,043.95, the Amount of Tax as \$139,081.06, Year to Date Totals of the Amount of Penalty as \$79,589.84 and the Year-to-Date Amount of Tax as \$440,486.19. The Total Collected Year to Date is \$520,076.03.

The Mobile Home Monthly Redemption Report for April 2024 shows the Amount of Penalty as \$521.62, the Amount of Tax as \$2,897.85, Year to Date Totals of the Amount of Penalty as \$4,047.50 and the Year-to-Date Amount of Tax as \$15,298.28. The Total Collected Year to Date is \$19,345.78.

d. **Monthly Resolution List:** During the month of May 2024 there were 173 resolutions presented to the Committee for consideration showing a Total Collected of \$369,902.83; total to County Clerk of \$15,455.51; total to Auctioneer of \$0.00, total to Recorder of Deeds \$15,124.25, total to Agent of \$122,515.57, Misc. Overpayment fee \$41.65, total to County Treasurer of \$216,765.85 and a total to County of \$247,345.61.

e. **Update Report:**

Pernell & Tiffany Scott – Account #201804349- To pay \$388 by 5/17/24. Paid \$388 on 5/6/24
Stanley Williams – Account #201601432- To pay \$988 by 4/26/24. Paid \$988 on 4/29/24.

Stanely Williams – Account #201801227- To pay \$1169 by 4/26/24. Paid \$1082 on 4/29/24 and to pay \$87.

- f. **Auction Report:** There were two (2) bad checks received and one replacement check was received, and one bad check has not been replaced. There were 146 items sold from the auction on April 26, 2024 for a total of \$248,260.17.

A motion was made by Mr. Greenwald and seconded by Mr. Bittle to approve the tax agent reports. 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. A motion was made by Mr. Greenwald and seconded by Mr. Mosley, Jr. to accept the down payments and extensions. Motion carried.
- b. **Payment in Full Accounts:** Mr. Strohmeyer presented a list of the accounts paid in full.
- c. **Kimberly Commons:** Ms. Commons requested a reinstatement with time payments on account #201703154. The property is located at 4014 Piggott Avenue in Cahokia Heights. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$2,208.77. The property is scheduled for the July auction. A motion was made by Mr. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Moore to accept a down payment of \$428 and approve a six (6) month extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- d. **Jennifer Ross:** Ms. Ross requested an extension with time payments on account #201801058. The property is located at 641 N. 52nd Street in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$3,756.08. A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Greenwald to accept a down payment of \$836.08 and approve a six (6) month extension. Motion carried.
- e. **Allan and Heather Lourwood:** Mr. and Mrs. Lourwood requested an extension with time payments on account #201704567. The property is located at 423 S. Main Street in Duplo. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$6,664.27. A motion was made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Crawford to accept a down payment of \$1,329 and approve a six (6) month extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- f. **Michael Suggs:** Mr. Suggs requested an extension with time payments on account #201201853 and #201201854. The properties are located at 2401 & 2405 St. Louis Avenue in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$8,705.04 and \$5,850.72. No action taken, but if he pays account #201201854 in full, will extend account #20151853 for six (6) months.
- g. **Earlest Johnson:** Mr. Johnson requested an extension with time payments on account #201901608. The property is located at 631 N. 75th Street in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$6,893.38. A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Greenwald to accept a down payment of \$1,378 and approve of a six (6) month extension. Motion carried.
- h. **Moses Dennis:** Mr. Dennis requested an extension with time payments on account #201900936. The property is located at 704 N. 24th Street in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$7,085.67. A motion was by Mr. Mosley, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Bittle to accept a down payment of \$1,415 and to approve of a six (6) month extension. Motion carried.

- i. **Michael Simmons, Jr.**: Mr. Simmons, Jr. requested an extension with time payments on account #201902553. The property is located at 34 St. Gregory Drive in Cahokia Heights. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$3,139.37. A motion was made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Crawford to accept a down payment of \$800 and approve of a six (6) month extension. Motion carried.
- j. **Higher Ground International Ministries by Robert Moore**: Mr. Moore is requesting to use the property located at 1509 M L King Drive for a fundraising event from September 5-24. Mr. Moore said a 24/7 local security team will be hired for the timeframe of the event. The committee approved of their request.

4. **DEMOLITION PROGRAM:**

Mr. Mitchell informed the committee that Hank's Excavating has finished cutting the trees at Attucks School. Mr. Mitchell said there were some stumps left behind which he thought would have cut down to be level with the ground. Hank's said for \$2,000 they could grind the stumps. Mr. Moore asked shouldn't the stump removal been included in the cutting of the trees. Mr. Mitchell said I would have thought so. Mr. Mitchell said he received a letter from the head of Hank's saying that it will be able to be mowed upon completion of clearing. Mr. Moore said next time we can spell it out in the contract to avoid this.

Mr. Mitchell presented an invoice from MS Mitch Consulting in the amount of \$325 for the removal of trees around the fencing at Attucks School. Mr. Mitchell presented an invoice from Hank's for the tree removal. Chairman Mosley suggested we hold off on paying the invoice until the stumps are leveled to the ground.

A motion was made by Mr. Greenwald and seconded by Mr. Bittle to pay the invoice from MS Mitch Consulting and to hold on paying the invoice from Hank's. Motion carried.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Strohmeyer said the city was interested in December 2022 in the LA Customs building and wanted to purchase it. Mr. Strohmeyer said the city planned on demolishing it then decided to let the Trustee demolish it. Mr. Strohmeyer said a previous email stated once the building was demolished that they would like to continue with the original purchase request. Mr. Strohmeyer asked if he should reach out and the committee agreed that he should.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bittle to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnie Mosley, Chairman, St. Clair County Trustee Committee