



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/21/2021

File #: 21-1329

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Treasurer/Tax Collector

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Software and Services Agreement with GovEase for Online Property Tax Auction

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Software and Support Services Agreement with GovEase Auction LLC (Attachment 1) for sale of properties tax-defaulted, subject to sale.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund - Revenue from auction will reimburse costs.

DISCUSSION:

The Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC) recommends that the county change companies through which the property tax online auction process is conducted and asks your Board to approve that agreement. If approved the agreement will cover the property tax auctions from the fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 through FY 2023-24. The primary reason for this change is to reduce the commission costs for online bidders who participate in the auction, which may help facilitate a stronger bidding process.

Government Code, section 31000, permits the Board of Supervisors to contract for these types special services with companies specially trained, experienced and competent to provide the services, for which GovEase has a proven track record with online property tax auctions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

All costs of the sale are reimbursed from sale proceeds; and auction proceeds will also be used to pay delinquent taxes owed. The net effect is the county receives tax payments, and the property taxes become current.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service .

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could decide not to approve the agreement, but it is not recommended because state code requires the TTC to sell tax defaulted properties and the agreement with the current service provider has expired.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. GovEase Agreement for Auction Services

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-19

Meeting of: 11/10/2020

File No.: 20-1420