



REAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AUCTION

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Where is the auction being held and what time does it start?*

The auction is being held in downtown Hillsboro at the Washington Street Conference Center and Parking Structure in Hillsboro. The address is 102 SW Washington Street, Hillsboro. If you are planning to bid on a property, you must register starting at 9 a.m. The auction will start promptly at 10 a.m.

2. *What do I need to do to register for the auction?*

On the day of the auction, go to the registration table at the location given above and complete a Bidder Registration Form. To be eligible to bid, you must have in-hand the minimum required deposit for each parcel that you plan to bid on. County staff will verify that you have the minimum deposit, and then give you a numbered bid card. Only qualified bidders will receive a numbered bid card and will be eligible to participate in the auction. You must be registered before the auction begins at 10 a.m. No late registrations will be allowed.



3. *Can I bid on more than one parcel?*

Yes. However, when registering you must note which parcels you will bid on and must show proof of the minimum deposit. If you win a bid and use up your minimum deposit on-hand, you will be required to surrender your numbered bid card. Please bring separate cashier's checks, certified funds or cash to cover each minimum deposits.

4. *Will the deposit increase if the bid goes over the minimum?*

No. The minimum required deposit for each parcel will remain the same amount noted on the website and legal ad. The deposit received from the winning bidder will be applied to the purchase price of the winning bid. The County will not refund any portion of the deposit if it is more than the minimum deposit shown in the legal ad.

5. *What forms of payment will be accepted?*

The County will accept cashier's check or other certified funds, and cash.



6. *What properties are for sale at auction?*

The properties are listed on the County website. There are links on the website that provide further information on each parcel. Notebooks, that have this same information, are available for review by appointment at the Facilities & Parks Service office. Call 503-846-3491 to make an appointment.

7. *Is online bidding allowed?*

No. You must be present at the auction to bid.

8. *If paying by cashier's check or other certified funds, who do I make it payable to?*

Washington County.

9. *Can I make an offer prior to the auction?*

No, this is an oral, public auction and bids must be received in person at the auction.

10. *What happens to a parcel if it is not bid on during the auction?*

If an acceptable bid is not received on a parcel and the parcel is not sold at public auction, the County may sell the property at private sale or another means that the County deems appropriate for the parcel.



11. Can an offer be made below the opening bid?

No, the auction for a parcel will start at the minimum bid amount listed in the legal advertisement.

12. What happens if you are the winning bidder?

All properties are sold “as is”. The County will prepare the closing papers, including the quit claim deed, for the sale and will notify the Buyer when they are ready to be signed and recorded. Fees for recording will be added to the purchase price of the property and paid by the Buyer. The Buyer must complete the purchase within 30 days after notice by the County. Failure to complete the transaction within 30 days will void the sale and the property will remain under the County's ownership. Buyer will forfeit the twenty percent (20%) deposit.