



REAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AUCTION

Frequently Asked Questions

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

The auction is usually held in downtown Hillsboro at the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building in Hillsboro. The address is 155 N. First Avenue, 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. The auction place and time will be announced in the legal advertisement for the auction.

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

Go to the registration table 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 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.



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

Yes. However, when registering you will 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 the minimum deposits. Any amounts paid that exceed the minimum bid will not be refunded, but will be applied to the purchase price.

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

No. The minimum required deposit will remain the same amount noted on the website and 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 will be listed on the County website. There will be links that will provide further information on each parcel offered for sell at the auction.



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 a 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.