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ARC buys former Meadville Club building, property during county tax sale

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Mark Weindorf, ARC of Crawford County's executive director, poses in front of the former Meadville Club on Friday. The ARC has acquired the building in an auction and will use the space to further help those with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

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A former downtown Meadville social club's building and property soon will be in the hands of the nonprofit group that aids people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

The former Meadville Club property, a 7,458-square-foot building at 951-955 Market St., was sold Friday to the ARC of Crawford County for \$61,000.

All properties were sold auction-style at the judicial sale held by the Crawford County Tax Claim Bureau. The Meadville Club was part of 18 properties out of 27 properties that sold, raising a total of \$118,966.70.

"We're going to use it for a purpose our individuals can use — whether it's a green space, a flower garden or a building we can (rehabilitate)," Mark Weindorf, ARC of Crawford County's executive director, said following the sale.

The ARC of Crawford County provides for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. It offers things such as family support and companion services, group homes and life sharing programs to help its clients live everyday lives.

The former Meadville Club property is adjacent to a large parking lot the ARC owns at Market and Arch streets for its staff and clients. The land for that lot was purchased by the ARC in June 2013 for \$85,000.

Deeds for the 18 properties sold during Friday's judicial sale now will be prepared by the county, said Keith Button, the county's attorney.

The deeds will take between 20 to 45 days to prepare before the properties can transfer to new owners, Button said.

The Tax Claim Bureau had held the Meadville Club building and land since Sept. 23, 2016, when it didn't sell at the county's 2016 tax upset sale.

The building and land was put up for auction at the county's annual tax sale in 2016 for \$49,745.02 in unpaid real estate taxes, interest and penalties, but it didn't garner any bids.

The Tax Claim Bureau holds judicial sales several times a year in an effort to get properties back onto active tax rolls.

At a judicial sale, all encumbrances, including liens and mortgages, except federal liens, have been removed via approval of the county Court of Common Pleas. The property then is sold free and clear to the highest bidder on an "as is" basis.

Money from the property's sale is applied toward the cost of its sale and back taxes owed to the county, school district and municipality where the property is located. If a property's sale price is higher than what is owed in taxes, any money above the tax bill then is returned to the property's previous owner.

The nine properties that didn't sell Friday become repository properties with the county.

Repository properties have been through both the tax upset sale and a judicial sale but didn't sell. They then become available for bid from the county Tax Claim Bureau.

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