

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
April 10, 2018

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County met at 9:00 a.m. on April 10, 2018, at the Courthouse in Armour, SD. Present were Ivan Lau, Steve Lau, and Floyd Muntefering. Also present were Auditor Barker, Director of Equalization Jessica vanWyk and Sam E. Grosz, representing Douglas County Publishing. Star entered the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Muntefering and began with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by S. Lau and seconded by I. Lau to recess as a Board of County Commissioners and convene as the County Board of Equalization for 2018. All present voted in favor of this action, motion carried. Each member present signed an Oath of Office and reviewed their duties as stated on the distributed exhibit supplied by the Director of Equalization.

VanWyk distributed information regarding all changes that have occurred over the past year, listing them by townships and cities.

A motion was made by Star to approve 4 of the 5 Applications for Property Tax Exempt Status (per SDCL 10-4-15) with the exception of Record #3782 and the 38 Applications for *Continuing* Property Tax Exempt Status (per SDCL 10-4-19). S. Lau seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

There was three renewable resource energy applications (geothermal) for 2018 resulting in a \$37,697 loss of valuation.

Nineteen elderly assessment freeze applications for 2018 resulted in a \$226,940 loss of valuation.

Five fully Disabled Veteran Applications will show a loss in valuation of \$257,619.

Final Values will be given at the next meeting as van Wyk has not yet received the figures from the State.

APPEALS:

Dick and Earla Strid, Delmont Residents, met with the Board to discuss their appeal. The Strid's handed out information detailing their appeal. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by I. Lau and seconded by S. Lau to follow the recommendation of the Local Board (Town of Delmont) and lower the value on Record #3702. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was taken with the following votes recorded: Voting "aye": S. Lau and I. Lau. Voting "nay": Star and Muntefering. Absent: Maas. The Auditor was asked to vote to break the tie. Barker voted "nay" to allow for more discussion. Motion failed.

Further discussion was held.

A motion was made by Star and seconded by S. Lau to lower the total property value on record #3702 to \$37,753.00. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes recorded: Voting "aye": Star, I. Lau, S. Lau, and Muntefering. Voting "nay": none. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:17 a.m. Star moved to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on April 17, 2018. S. Lau seconded the motion. All present voted aye, motion carried.

SIGNED: _____

Floyd Muntefering, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis Barker, Auditor