

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

April 9, 2019

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County met at 9:00 a.m. on April 9, 2019, at the Courthouse in Armour, SD. Present were Tim Goldammer, I. Lau, S. Lau, Maas and Star. Also present were Auditor Barker, Director of Equalization Jessica vanWyk and Jennifer Kellogg, representing Douglas County Publishing. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lau. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to approve the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Goldammer to recess as a Board of County Commissioners and convene as the County Board of Equalization for 2019. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried. Each member 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 follow the Director of Equalization's recommendation to approve 2 of the 3 Applications for Property Tax Exempt Status (per SDCL 10-4-15) with the exception of Record #3104. The 42 Applications for *Continuing* Property Tax Exempt Status (per SDCL 10-4-19) are also approved. I. Lau seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Star to recess as a board of Equalization and re-convene as a Board of County Commissioners. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Red Sparks and Dwight Brenner, Independence Township, met with the Board briefly to discuss drainage and road issues. Bob Reinfeld, Interim Highway Supt., was also present. Reinfeld informed the board that he has cut some vacant driveways to help drain the water away from the county gravel pit with the approval of the township.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star authorizing Reinfeld to purchase a 9 ft. field cultivator to aid in road repairs. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

Gary Laib, country resident, met with the Board briefly to discuss the road weight limits. Chairman Lau noted that overweight permits are available through the Highway Superintendent. The Board also suggested that overweight loads be split to maintain the integrity of the roads as much as possible. Laib also addressed a letter he received from the Zoning Administrator regarding the number of cattle he is permitted for. Laib explained that the cattle are kept farther than a mile apart, therefore, he still falls under the animal units.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:01 a.m. a motion was made by I. Lau and seconded by Star to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter with Barker present. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

At 10:35 a.m. Chairman Lau declared the meeting back to open session with no action taken at this time.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CONTINUED

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to recess as a Board of County Commissioners and re-convene as a Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

APPEAL

van Wyk explained the appeal submitted by Russel Dozark of Delmont. Dozark was not present. Discussion was held. A motion was made by I. Lau to follow the Local Board recommendation and lower the value of the lot from \$7,000.00 down to \$4,000.00. After asking for a second three times, Chairman Lau declared the motion dead for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Goldammer to follow the Director of Equalization's recommendation to keep the lot value at \$7,000.00 A roll call vote was taken with the following votes recorded: Voting "aye": Star, Goldammer, Maas and S. Lau. Voting "nay": I. Lau. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to recess as a Board of Equalization until the final numbers are received on April 16th. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:47 a.m. a motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 16, 2019. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

SIGNED: _____

Steve Lau, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

Phyllis Barker, Auditor