

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2021

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County met at 9:00 a.m. on April 13, 2021, at the Courthouse in Armour, SD. Present were Tim Goldammer, Steve Lau, Marlin Maas and Nathan E. Ymker. Also present were Auditor Phyllis Barker and Director of Equalization Jessica Goehring. Jerod Star was absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lau. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas to approve the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board recessed as a Board of County Commissioners and convened as the County Board of Equalization for 2021. Each member signed an Oath of Office and reviewed their duties as stated on the distributed exhibit supplied by the Director of Equalization per SDCL 10-11-25.

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

APPEALS

Goehring presented an appeal on behalf of Integrity Management Company for Meyers Apartments in Armour. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Goldammer to Follow the Director of Equalizations recommendation to leave the building value as it was in 2020 and to increase the lot value to the 2021 lot values. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m., the appeal submitted by Cindy Hoff was reviewed. Discussion was held. Hoff was not present. A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Ymker to follow the recommendation of Goehring and the Local Board to leave the value as is on Hoff's property. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Goehring reported there were 42 Applications for Continuing Property Tax Exempt Status (Per SDCL 10-4-15) and no new applications this year.

There was one renewable energy system credit (Geothermal) application for 2021 resulting in a \$12,943 loss in valuation. Seventeen elderly assessment freeze applications for 2021 resulted in a loss of \$294,198 in valuation. Three fully Disabled Veteran applications will show a loss in valuation of \$185,744.

The 2021 total assessed full and true valuation after all changes made is \$693,958,888. Sixty-seven parcels will show a total of \$3,570,449 taxable growth for 2021. The Ag Factor for 2021 is .850 and the Non-Ag Factor is .980. The total equalized (taxable) valuation for 2021 is \$603,776,789.

A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Goldammer to close County Boards and adjourn as the County Board of Equalization for the year of 2021. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried. The Board reconvened as a Board of County Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 a.m. a motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Goldammer to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 20, 2021. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____

Steve Lau, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

Phyllis Barker, Auditor