

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota

April 9, 2019

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner Room in the Courthouse with Commissioners Joe Jensen, Shelley Nelson, Delmer Wolkow, Steve Spilde and Roger Walls present. Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, Maggie Purintun, Deputy Director of Equalization, and Echo Steffensen, Deputy Auditor, were also present. Chairman Nelson presided.

EQUALIZATION BOARDS

Spilde moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into County Board of Equalization at 9:01 AM. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Steffensen administered the County Board of Equalization Oaths.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board reviewed the tax-exempt properties.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to approve the tax-exempt properties listing and the addition. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the list of people who received water acre relief. The list had also been approved by the township boards.

The Board reviewed the applicants eligible for the geothermal deduction. There were no new applicants and the list is down to seven applicants.

Spilde moved and Walls seconded to accept the list of geothermal heat applicants. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Ag Exemption list of removals, there were five properties that no longer qualified, and no new additions.

Wolkow moved and Jensen seconded to approve the Ag Exemption list and removals. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Owner Occupied changes.

Purinton brought to the Boards' attention that record #69011 needed to be removed from the list.

Spilde moved and Walls seconded to accept the list of Owner Occupied changes with the removal. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the list of growth for each year since 2016.

The Board reviewed the Senior-Disabled freeze information.

Elaine Blachford, Treasurer, informed the Board that there was a total of 66 applicants, with 59 qualifying and 7 being denied due to income or valuation.

Spilde moved and Wolkow seconded to approve the Senior-Disabled freeze applicants. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Veteran's Exemption information.

Jensen moved and Walls seconded to approve the Veteran's Exemption applicants. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board reviewed some miscellaneous items, including land sales. This was for informational purposes only, no action needed.

The Board reviewed the Local Board Minutes.

Anderson informed the Board that Denver Township met outside of the allowed time period. They had no appeals so Dept. of Revenue did not suggest any action. They did not have any Board members in town that week.

The Board discussed the following eight appeals:

Appeal #1: DOE 5965, Hein, Curt

Appeal brought by American Bank & Trust, By Brad Weinbar

Weinbar met with the Board and stated the bank does not currently own the property but has a vested interest in it. They informed the Board that the property has been listed for sale for some time and no offers have been received. The listed price is significantly lower than the assessed

value. They also stated that the house is in disrepair. Discussion on the condition of the house was held. Anderson suggested the home value be lowered to \$25,000 and the land value stay the same at \$6742.

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded that the Board accept the DOE's recommendation. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Appeal #2: DOE 4096, Stoneway Inc.

Appeal was brought before the Board by Anderson, Director of Equalization for Stoneway Inc. via William Rydbom.

Anderson informed the Board that the 26.84 acres are unable to be farmed due to topography and rocks.

Anderson recommended the value be lowered from \$411,496 to \$387,395 due to topography and rocks.

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded that the Board accept the DOE's recommendation. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Appeal #3: DOE 4101, Stoneway Inc.

Appeal was brought before the Board by Anderson, Director of Equalization for Stoneway Inc. via William Rydbom.

Anderson informed the Board the 72.89 acres are unable to be farmed due to topography and rocks.

Anderson recommended the value be lowered from \$412,978 to \$339,308.

Walls moved and Wolkow seconded that the Board accept the DOE's recommendation. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Appeal #4: DOE 4100: Stoneway Inc.

Appeal was brought before the Board by Anderson, Director of Equalization for Stoneway Inc. via William Rydbom.

Anderson informed the Board that the 70 acres is unable to be farmed due to topography and rocks.

Anderson recommended the value be lowered from \$357,292 to \$286,690.

Spilde moved and Walls seconded that the Board accept the DOE's recommendation. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Appeal #5: DOE 4243, Stoneway Inc.

Appeal was brought before the Board by Anderson, Director of Equalization for Stoneway Inc via William Rydbom.

Anderson informed the Board that the lack of access to the property and the topography make it impossible to farm.

Anderson recommended the value be lowered from \$483,052 to \$410,762.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded that the Board accept the DOE's recommendation. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Appeal #6: DOE #6457, Alvord Polk Inc.

Appeal was brought before the Board by Anderson, Director of Equalization for Alvord Polk Inc.

Anderson informed the Board that the reason for the appeal was there was substantial damage to the building due to a fire.

Anderson Recommended the value of the building be lowered from \$286,452 to \$0 and removed from the tax roll. It was her recommendation to leave the land value as assessed at \$7,995.

Wolkow moved and Walls seconded that the Board accept the DOE's recommendation. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Appeal #7: DOE #3700, Rosann N. Whittaker

Appeal was brought before the Board by Anderson, Director of Equalization for Rosann Whittaker.

Anderson informed the Board the house is in disrepair and unlivable. The roof is caving in.

Anderson recommended the Board lower the structure value from \$10,648 to \$1500 and leave the ag land and buildings as assessed.

Spilde moved and Jensen seconded that the Board accept the DOE's recommendation. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Appeal #8: DOE 6268, Kim Martens

Appeal was brought before the Board by Anderson, Director of Equalization for Kim Martens.

Anderson informed the Board that the house had not been lived in for more than 20 years and it will be torn down.

Anderson recommended the value be lowered from \$3,328 to \$500 and leave the land as assessed.

Spilde moved and Jensen seconded that the Board accept the DOE's recommendation. All present voting aye, motion carried.

DOE COMMENTS

Anderson and Purintun wanted to express their thanks to the board for their hard work and helping to keep Kingsbury County moving forward. Specifically mentioning the GIS system.

Nelson expressed the Boards appreciation to Anderson and Purintun for how they make things run smoothly and efficiently.

Wolkow moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from Board of Equalization and return to regular session. All present voting aye, Chairman Nelson declared the Board out at 10:14 AM.

APPROVE AGENDA

Steffensen stated that 2 items would need to be added to the agenda. Gregg Gass, States Attorney wanted to appear for a travel request and the minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting needed to be reviewed and approved.

Walls motioned and Wolkow seconded to approve the agenda as edited. All present voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Nelson asked for public comment. There was none.

APPROVE MINUTES

Walls moved and Spilde seconded to approve the minutes from April 2, 2019 with corrections. All present voting aye, motion carried.

DOE

Maggie Purintun, Deputy Director of Equalization, returned to the meeting and provided a demonstration on their Ipad and GIS access. She explained how they can now access most of the information they need when they are out assessing properties.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nelson informed the Board there had been some inquiries from various people to be able to work on roads with the load limits in place. After discussion it was the consensus of the board that it would be considered on a case by case basis for emergencies.

MAINTENANCE

Lonny Palmlund, Maintenance, discussed with the Board additional finish work needed on the WWI Memorial. Palmlund received a quote from the original company and will discuss the options with the group who originally raised the funds.

Palmlund discussed the Notice of Bids for exterior building repairs.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to have Palmlund place the Notice of Bids as presented in the papers. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Palmlund discussed with the Board the prospect of hiring an Architect for the window replacement project. It was the consensus of the Board for Palmlund to continue the conversation with the Architect.

Palmlund also discussed the new heating/cooling system and regulating the air speed for cool air; smoke detectors have been installed throughout the building; the new blinds have been installed; the water fountains have been installed and new flag poles have been placed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the condition of roads throughout the county due to the heavy rain and flooding.

STATES ATTORNEY

Gregg Gass, States Attorney, met with the Board for a travel request to the States Attorney Training Session in Deadwood, May 1-3, 2019.

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded to approve travel for Gass to attend the States Attorney Training in Deadwood. All present voting aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Nelson requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Walls moved and Spilde seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 11:16 AM. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Nelson declared the Board back into regular session at 12:12 PM.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

SIGNED

Shelley Nelson, Chairman

ATTEST

Echo Steffensen, Deputy County Auditor

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