

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

May 9, 2024

A meeting of the Howard County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session on the 9th day of May, 2024, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 1st day of May, 2024, a proof of publication filed in the Clerk's office. Copies of the agenda were posted in the Courthouse, St. Paul Post Office, Citizens Bank & Trust and Homestead Bank and emailed to each Commissioner, and kept current and available to the public at the Clerk's office.

Chairman Hirschman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll Call: Gary Rasmussen, Aye; Kathy Hirschman, Aye; and Jessie Urbanski, Aye. Also present is County Assessor, Neal Dethlefs and County Clerk Brenda Klanecky.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hirschman also stated to those in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open meetings Act is available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting is being held. All who were present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes After Abstract-County Assessor, Neal Dethlefs met with the Board and explained after values were set, his office went to roll over records from the previous year some of the items were not removed due to a glitch in the program. The software system company helped to find the errors. Urbanski made a motion to approve the 2024 Changes After Abstract and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

2024 Reports & Opinions- Values were set by March 19, 2024. The Department of Revenue reviews the values and then they are sent to TERC. Mr. Dethlefs stated the values are within the parameters. It is estimated that the valuation of Howard County will increase 58 million dollars. Mr. Dethlefs went on to explain how the valuations are computed and what future valuations are looking like. A report is available for review. No action is taken by the Board.

Set Protest Hearing Dates- Landowners have until June 30, 2024, to complete protest forms. Hirschman suggested that the protest hearings be set to begin July 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. and end on July 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., to allow the Assessor and staff time to review any protested properties. Mr. Dethlefs was in agreement with the dates. Rasmussen made a motion to set the protest hearing dates to begin on July 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. and end on July 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Motion was made by Urbanski and seconded by Rasmussen to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 8:51 a.m. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Absent.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2024.

Kathy Hirschman, Chairman
Howard County Board of Equalization

Attest: Brenda Klanecky
 Howard County Clerk