

Gregory County Board of Equalization Proceedings

The Gregory County Commission met Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Burke to begin the County and Consolidated Equalization process. Members present: Jessy Biggins, Doug Janousek, Byrain Boes (via telephone), Lance Matucha, and Jeff Johnson. Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor and Betty Jo Hoffman, Director of Equalization.

Chair Jessy Biggins called the meeting to order and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oaths of Office: Each member present signed the oaths of office for County Board of Equalization and Consolidated Board of Equalization.

Betty Jo Hoffman, Director of Equalization, presented the following recommendations for approval by the Board:

1. Recommendation to approve a change in valuation for Parcel # 5378: NA-D1 from \$1,997 to \$1,000 and NA-D from \$3,197 to \$1,371, due to deterioration of the structure, which will be knocked down within 1 year. Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to approve the recommended values. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Recommendation to approve the following Parcels for Clerical Errors:

Parcel # 4920: NA-DC2 from \$25,076 change to \$7,000; NA-DC from \$2,944 change to \$736

Parcel # 5046: NA-D1 from \$112,415 change to \$89,931

Parcel # 7485: NA-D1 from \$8,562 change to \$6,849

Parcel # 4897: NA from \$73,368 change to \$58,694

Parcel # 6573: NA-D1 from \$ 29,596 change to \$23,122

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to approve the recommended values. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. Recommendation to approve the Senior Citizens Assessment Freezes on file as of April 1, 2024 that have met the criteria per state statute SDCL 10-6A. Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to approve the assessment freezes. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.
4. Recommendation to approve the Disabled Veteran Exemptions Application on file as of November 1, 2023 that have met the criteria per state statute SDCL 10-4-40. Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Byrain Boes to approve the recommended value exemptions. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Recommendation to approve the Renewable Resources Property Valuation Exemptions on file per SDCL 10-4-44. Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Jeff Johnson to approve the recommended valuation exemptions. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

6. Recommendation to approve the Inundated Farmland values as on file as of November 1 2023 per SDCL 10-6-126. Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Byrain Boes to approve the recommended values. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Director of Equalization informed the Board that all local board changes have been accepted by her office-she will not make appeals back.

Danny Claussen, Town of Herrick, inquired as to whether appeals sent in from non-resident property owners have been addressed. The DOE informed him that they were accepted by her office and she would not be appeal them back to the County or Consolidated Boards of Equalization.

Sonya Fernau, Finance Officer of Fairfax Town, raised a question as to whether the County would consider setting all lot values back to 2023 values, per their request in their equalization minutes. The DOE informed all that each property owner would have to appeal their value in order to request a lower value.

Adjourn: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Byrain Boes to adjourn as a County Board of Equalization and as a Consolidated Board of Equalization for the year 2024, and to convene as a Board of Commissioners. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Pavement Marking Program: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to authorize the Chair to sign the Joint Powers Agreement with SDDOT to provide for the pavement marking of county roads in Gregory County beginning in 2024. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landfill Tonnage Discussion: The Board discussed the amount of annual tonnage taken in at the Gregory County landfill site and whether or not there is capacity to hold additional construction rubble from the old Avera Hospital and Nursing Home buildings. After speaking with the Avera representatives, the construction rubble will come in over a two- year period of 2024-2025, and should not exceed the annual permitted tonnage.

County Initiated Petition Acceptance: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Byrain Boes to offer the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2024-06
COUNTY INITIATIVE PETITION TO SUBMIT TO PUBLIC VOTE THE USE OF
AUTOMATED TABULATING MACHINES/SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, a County Initiative Petition has been submitted to the Gregory County Auditor, requiring that the Gregory County Board of Commissioners take action to either approve or reject the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Gregory County Auditor has determined that a sufficient number of registered voters of Gregory County has signed said Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor has filed said Petition in the office of the Gregory County Auditor and presented the same to the Gregory County Board of Commissioners for its enactment or rejection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Gregory County Board of Commissioners accept the Initiated Measure Petition and submits said Petition to a public vote of the Gregory County registered voters at the Primary Election to be held June 4, 2024, in accordance with SDCL 7-18A-13.

Upon roll call for vote: Byrain Boes-aye; Jeff Johnson-aye; Lance Matucha-aye; Doug Janousek-aye; Jessy Biggins-aye. Resolution passed.

Executive Session: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Jeff Johnson to enter into executive session at 9:42 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Jeff Johnson to adjourn from executive session at 9:56 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jessy Biggins, Chair