

HITCHCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Trenton, Nebraska
May 2nd, 2016

A meeting of the Hitchcock County Board of Equalization of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on the 2nd day of May, 2016 as published. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Ron Wertz and Paul Nichols, County Clerk Margaret Pollmann, and County Assessor Marlene Bedore. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting and availability of the agenda were given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of the May 2nd, 2016 agenda; 2. Approval of the April 4th, 2016 meeting minutes. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion. Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

County Attorney Garner joined the meeting.

Assessor Bedore advised as to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) Show Cause hearing held April 27th, 2016 in Lincoln, and that the TERC's ruling was a raise of 16.98% on grass, CRP, CREP, and EQUIP acres. Neighboring county valuations were discussed. Mrs. Bedore advised that once a written order from TERC was received, her office will proceed with changing affected property record cards and send valuation notices by June 1st. Commissioner Nichols inquired as to deadlines relating to the Corrective Measures detailed in Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division's Initial Report on the Review of Assessment Practices and Procedures of Hitchcock County (dated 10-23-15). Mrs. Bedore advised that the monthly CAMA export was being performed this date.

The Application for Exemption from motor vehicle taxes filed by Stratton Industrial Commission, Inc. was reviewed. It was noted that Treasurer Cook has recommended approval of said application.

Member Wertz moved to approve the Application for Exemption from motor vehicle taxes filed by the Stratton Industrial Commission, Inc. on a 2016 Braun Handicap van, VIN # 2C7WDGBG7GR202872 and to direct Chair to execute the same. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Under public comment, John Walters advised he had attended and testified at the April 27th TERC Show Cause hearing and was impressed with the professionalism and courtesies extended by the TERC commission board members. Mr. Walters advised as to his observations during the hearing and his conversation with one of the Department of Revenue Property Tax Division staff members in attendance.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:29 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

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