

Board of Equalization
July 28, 2020

At 8:25 a.m. a meeting of the Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Jerad Sornson. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Parsons, Commissioner Speth. Commissioner Thurman was absent.

Chairman Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Courtroom.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and not have them read as each member was furnished with a copy of same. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Four letters were submitted to request a waiver for late filed homestead exemption applications. The application deadline is June 30th of each year. Christi Smallfoot, Otoe County Assessor, stated that the extension of the Federal Tax filing date to July 15, 2020, may have caused some confusion with the homestead filing date as the tax information is required. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to approve the homestead waiver requests and allow the Assessor to review the applications. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The following tax list corrections were presented to the board: 1) Parcel #000021000 – add \$73.72 to tax year 2020 – accelerated taxes paid due to the sale of mobile home; 2) Parcel #000020500 – add \$73.26 to tax year 2020 – accelerated taxes paid due to the sale of mobile home. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve the tax list corrections as presented. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons.

Ms. Smallfoot presented board notices to the Board. Parcel #000714500: Property was previously exempt, permissive exemption was denied for 2020 assessment, clerical error and notice of valuation was not generated for June 1, 2020; Parcel #004895500: Clerical error and removal of building value was not completed for 2020 assessment, corrected error and adjusted value. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to approve the board notices. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged the receipt of the Assessor's cemetery list.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and since all items on the agenda have been disposed of, Chairman Sornson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

I, Jennifer Bassinger, County Clerk for Otoe County, do hereby certify that the above minutes were taken by me, and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I therefore set my hand and affix my seal this 28th day of July, 2020.

Jennifer Bassinger/Otoe County Clerk