RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING JUNE 7, 2022

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met as the Board of County Equalization at 10:00 A.M. on June 7, 2022 with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. County Staff joining the meeting were Administration Personnel Fossum and DelVal; Tax Director Brown; and Assessors Matejcek, Romereim and Score.

A listing of visitors is attached.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

<u>CARLA BROADLAND - CITY OF WAHPETON</u> - Broadland distributed and highlighted several areas of the City of Wahpeton Annual Report. Broadland reported the Assessing Office increased residential properties 9%; commercial structures 2% and apartment structures 6%.

<u>ANGIE EVANS - CITY OF HANKINSON</u> - Evans distributed and highlighted several areas of the Hankinson City Report. Evans reported a 10% across the Board increase to residential properties. Evans also reported that several individuals attended the local meeting.

COUNTY TAX DIRECTOR BROWN

Brown distributed the 2022 County Equalization Report and reported the following:

- the County assesses 12 Cities and 35 Townships

<u>Agland Property</u> - No changes will need to be made to agland value is 2022 to be in compliance. The average value per acre certified to us for 2022 is \$1,231.76.

<u>Residential Property</u> - The median average was 83.7% and not within the tolerance level of the state. We looked at each jurisdiction separately and this year we raised some of the residential land 10% in the townships.

<u>Commercial Property</u> - This year the median for commercial properties and vacant lots is 86%. Commercial properties without vacant lots came in at 98.3%.

<u>Farm Exemptions</u> - New requirements for qualifying as an active farm went into effect for 2020, there are 14 new applicants that will receive the exemption for a total of 624.

<u>Homestead Credit</u> - The 2021 abstract indicated 248 applicants qualified for the Homestead Credit Program.

<u>Disabled Veteran's Credit</u> - 129 applicants qualified for the Disabled Veteran's Credit Program.

Mobile Homes - 225 mobile homes were assessed for taxation purposes.

A <u>motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ehlert to approve the City Equalization Reports as presented</u>. Vote was unanimous.

A <u>motion was made by Berg and seconded by Campbell to approve the Township Equalization Report and the 2022 Assessments as presented.</u> Vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Sandy Fossum

Auditor/Administrator

Nathan Berseth

Board of Richland County Commissioners

CHAIRPERSON

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