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(Neb.)-Sheridan County Commissioner Meeting Happenings



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(SHERIDAN COUNTY)-Present at the Sheridan County commissioners' meeting this week were chair Dan Kling, commissioners Jack Andersen and James Krotz, and county clerk Sindy Coburn.

At 9:00 a.m., the commissioners convened as the Board of Equalization (BOE). County assessor Trudy Winter presented three correction sheets, all of which were approved by the board: to accelerate the taxes on a mobile home sold by Jerry Halverson; to accelerate the taxes on a mobile home sold by Justin Amende; and to correct the personal property list of JoAnn Schaer, removing the duplicate listing of a tractor that had been entered twice.

Glen Spaugh with the city of Gordon appeared before the BOE to protest the valuation of several properties owned by the city. The board approved an adjustment to the valuation of the packing plant purchased by the city in 2009. The building has been used only for storage since that time, and Winter recommended valuing the building at that rate. The BOE approved the adjustment, which brings the building valuation in line with the city's purchase price of \$200,000.

The BOE approved a reduction in valuation, based on depreciation, for two storage buildings owned by the city of Gordon from \$26,251 to \$22,440.

The BOE denied a request to reduce the valuation on a vacant lot owned by the city of Gordon.

Road superintendent Tom Kuester appeared before the commissioners to review the National/State Functional Classification System.

Sheriff Terry Robbins presented a request that a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria owned by his department be declared "surplus property" so that it might be sold at the April 13th auction in Rushville. The commissioners approved the request.

Rudy Stanko and Bill Thornton of Costa Mesa, Calif., appeared before the board to report that they had a group of 25 citizens who were willing to serve as part of a group they call a "People's Grand Jury." Stanko asked if the commissioners would permit the group to make use of the district courtroom in the county courthouse should they decide to convene. The commissioners indicated that they were not likely to permit the group to use the courtroom, but agreed to accept some printed materials for further consideration.

The commissioners voted to approve the form for the publication of the county's general notice on the

Black Tail Prairie Dog Management Plan.

Commissioner Andersen submitted his resignation from the county Tourism Board, and the resignation was duly approved. Andersen then nominated Pat Runkle of Hay Springs to fill the vacancy created by his resignation, and the board approved the appointment.

Commissioner Krotz reported that county extension educator Cindy Tusler will not be deploying to Afghanistan this year.

The commissioners briefly discussed the fate of three trees on the west side of the courthouse. The district forester has issued a grim prognosis for the pine tree and the two deciduous trees that are looking forlorn. The commissioners agreed to explore various options.

The board will meet next on Monday, April 15th at 9:00 a.m. All meetings are open to the public, and visitors are welcome. They are also held in compliance with Nebraska Open Meetings Law. To view minutes of past minutes, visit sheridancountynebraska.com or stop by the office of the county clerk.

--Submitted by James Krotz