

BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING & EQUALIZATION MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Angie Boersma, Ryan Krogman, Lee Ann Pierce, Larry Jensen and Mike Bartley.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Boersma called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Bartley, seconded by Pierce to approve the agenda for the April 12, 2022 Brookings County Commission Meeting. All members voted "aye." Motion carried.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Jensen to approve the purchase of electronic pollpads from KNOWiNK. Background information was provided by Senior Finance Assistant Jenna Byrd. Byrd said the 35 pollpads would replace the existing e-pollbooks and they would start using them for 2022 Primary Election. Byrd said she realizes the cost for on-site support is high but would really like the on-site support because it's new hardware and software.

Roll call vote: Pierce "aye," Bartley "aye," Jensen "aye," Krogman "aye," Boersma "aye." Motion carried.

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CONVENE AS THE BROOKINGS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Boersma, seconded by Krogman to approve the agenda for the April 12, 2022 Brookings County Board of Equalization Meeting. All members voted "aye." Motion carried.

OATHS OF OFFICE

The board members signed their oaths qualifying them as members of the County Board of Equalization according to SDCL 10-11-25.

Director of Equalization Jacob Brehmer and Deputy Director of Equalization Reid Squires signed their oaths according to SDCL 10-3-12.

APPROVAL OF CORRECTIONS

Motion by Bartley, seconded by Krogman to approve a correction to Kandyce L. Carlson, parcel #40140-00400-009-00. Background information was provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Krogman to approve a correction to Timothy P. Vanderpan, parcel #12000-10950-313-00. Background information was provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Reports

Director of Equalization Jacob Brehmer presented the 2022 Assessment of Real Property and building permit information to the board.

Brehmer presented the tentative 2022 numbers for towns, townships and school districts.

Brehmer also presented the 2022 renewable resource energy tax credits.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Bartley to approve new applications for tax-exempt status. Background information was provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Bartley to approve tax-exempt status exemptions as presented. Background information was provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Bartley to approve the owner-occupied status applications as presented. Background information was provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Krogman to approve the 2022 riparian buffer strip classification applications as presented. Background information was provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Jensen to accept the disabled veteran’s exemptions as presented. Background information as provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Bartley to accept the tax moratorium exemptions as presented. Background information was provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Pierce, seconded by Jensen to accept the partially taxed exemptions as presented. Background information was provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Pierce to accept the discretionary formula exemptions as presented. Background information was provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman seconded by Jensen to accept the elderly tax freeze applications as presented. Background information was provided by Brehmer. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Pierce, seconded by Krogman to adjourn as the Brookings County Board of Equalization. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

At 1:00 p.m., the board reconvened as the Brookings County Board of County Commissioners.

REGULAR BUSINESS

The Commission discussed American Rescue Plan Act funding. They reviewed the criteria they had previously developed: using these one-time dollars for one-time projects, projects should have a 20+ year impact, emphasis on collaborative efforts to get maximum benefit, promotes economic growth and it must qualify under the federal regulations.

Commissioner Krogman arrived.

The board reviewed the list they created of potential projects, as well. They discussed the need to develop an application process. Pierce said they already know which entities they want to fund. She said she would rather not open it up to applications where they could get many of the non-mandated entities to apply.

The board asked that representatives from Brookings Behavioral Health & Wellness, as well as Dave Jacobson with the Brookings County Fire Fighters Association, come to the Commission to discuss their needs. Steffensen and Boersma will work on getting these scheduled.

Other projects that were discussed for funding: ventilation system for the gun range at the BCOAC; preliminary planning/RFP for a new highway shop; remodel and added Plexiglas projects for Register of Deeds, Equalization and Planning & Zoning; preliminary planning/RFP for 214th Street; short-term 2022 unbudgeted staffing for the jail; the roof projects at the Sheriff’s Department; the courthouse roof and other courthouse projects, and the KNOWiNK poll-pads.

The board also suggested looking back to 2020 for costs that may not have been covered by CARES Act funding but could qualify for reimbursement through ARPA.

Commissioner Krogman left the meeting.

Commissioner Jensen mentioned the need for a tractor for the Conservation District. The board suggested they come to a future meeting to make a request for assistance, but that it wouldn’t be an ARPA-eligible expense.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Pierce to adjourn as the Brookings County Board of County Commissioners. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

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