

April 12, 2016

The Bon Homme County Commissioners met in special session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 with Jelsma, Hauck, Soukup, and Fathke present. Bachmann was absent. Also present were Director of Equalization, Donna Zimmerman, & Auditor Tamara Brunken. The purpose of the meeting was to act on appeals as the Board of Equalization.

Chairman Jelsma called the meeting to order.

Motion by Soukup and seconded by Fathke to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on County Burial Fees.

Auditor Brunken reported that the County Health Nurse has selected Brenda Dockendorf for the secretary position available. Motion by Soukup and seconded by Hauck to approve Dockendorf at a beginning salary of \$12.75/hour with a beginning date to be determined by her and the County Nurse. All voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the amount the County will pay for a funeral. Chairman Jelsma was asked by a local funeral home if we could increase the amount. The county pays \$1400 for the casket & service plus the cost of the grave liner and digging. The average amount paid usually comes to around \$2500 per funeral. The board asked Brunken to contact surrounding counties and find out what they pay and she will report back at the next meeting.

With no further County Commissioner business to be held, motion by Fathke and seconded by Hauck to move out of County Commissioners. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Soukup and seconded by Hauck to enter into Board of Equalization. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor Brunken gave each Commissioner the County Board of Equalization Member Oath.

There were no appeals. The board next moved into miscellaneous items.

There were no omitted properties.

Zimmerman presented the following office corrections.

Error on transfer from Register of Deed, Parcel 04.20.1500 and 04.21.3500, needs to go back from Frank Pravecek to rightful owner Paul M. Bainbridge Revoc. Trust.

Motion by Soukup and seconded by Fathke to approve the correction. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zimmerman presented the Veteran's Exemptions. There are 12 this year. Two Veterans were added to the program.

Zimmerman presented the tax exempt property changes. Seven parcels removed due to properties being sold. Five parcels were added to the tax exempt list. Motion by Soukup and seconded by Hauck to approve the tax exempt properties. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Fathke and seconded by Hauck to approve the list of assessment freeze for the elderly & disabled for 2016. Seven new applications were approve this year, four applicants didn't fill out forms this year that were on the list last year, five applications were denied, and four applicants from last year sold their properties. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Zimmerman passed around the county averages for the Commissioner's to review.

With no further business, motion by Fathke and seconded by Soukup to adjourn. All voting aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Tamara Brunken, Auditor

Russell Jelsma, Chairman