

GRAND FORKS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

June 2, 2020

The board met as provided by NDCC section 57-12-01 with Commissioners Knauf, Pic, Falck, Rost and Engen present.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Ms. Gudajtes provided a preliminary comparison of the 2019 and 2020 Taxable Values and the Agricultural Values per acre for the 2020 Assessment from the State Tax Department.

The first order of business was the equalization of assessments in Cities.

The following appeals were received:

- Sterling Properties appealed 16 properties on May 29, 2020 which were not appealed at the City Board of Equalization.

Drew Thompson, Sterling Properties, addressed the board.

Paul Houdek, Grand Forks City Assessor, addressed the board.

There were no other appeals from property owners in any City in Grand Forks County.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to approve the 2020 assessments for all cities and classes of property as returned by the City Boards of Equalization, except the properties appealed by Sterling Properties. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to set a Special Commission Meeting to continue the County Board of Equalization on June 23, 2020 at 2:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

The second order of business was the equalization of assessments in Townships.

There were no appeals from property owners in any Township in Grand Forks County.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Rost, to approve the 2020 assessments for Avon and Strabane Townships because they did not have a quorum at their Township Board of Equalization. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Falck, to approve the 2020 assessments for all townships and classes of property as returned by the Township Boards of Equalization. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to recess the Board of Equalization until June 23, 2020 at 2:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Diane K. Knauf, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor