## **April 20, 2021**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES: The Hamlin County Board of Commissioners met on April 20 with the following members present: Noem, Saathoff, Baldwin, Rudebusch and Roe. No one absent. Also present was John Delzer States Attorney, Chris Schafer Director of Equalization, Gayleen Rothenberger Deputy Director of Equalization, and Betty Skroch Norden Township Clerk.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Saathoff seconded by Rudebusch to approve the Agenda as posted. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Roe seconded by Baldwin to approve the minutes of April 6,2021 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

The Board then convened as an Equalization Board and signed their Oath for such.

**#1 Bohn & Karola Peterson** met with the Board by speaker phone concerning Robinson's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addn Lot C block 4 Estelline City. They believe the value of home is too high, with foundation no good can not sell in condition it is in and would not pass inspections. House is currently vacant. Value on house is 47,718 commercial building value 68,754 lot 3270 Local Board made no changes. Assessor recommended a value on house and garage of 25,194 and to leave commercial building and lot as is. He will check it again in the fall to see if any improvements have been made. Motion by Saathoff seconded by Baldwin to accept the recommendation of the Assessor for house and garage 25,194 commercial building 68,754 and lot 3270 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**#2 Jeffrey & Darlene Decker** appealed Mundts Sub of GL 1 Lot 11A in Norden Township. They stated it went up 85%. It is a patch of grass not attached to our main property- 28x20 not usable. They mow it between two roads. Value was 3316 Assessor stated parcel is a small triangle shape and appears to be part of the road that accesses the neighboring cabins. He recommends a value of 1658 Motion by Baldwin seconded by Rudebusch to accept the recommendation of the Assessor for a value of 1658 on this lot. All members voting Aye. Motion carried.

**#3 Jack & Linda Tolk** met with the Board by speaker phone, appealing Hendricksons Beach Lot 35 Estelline Township stating the topography is less appealing than adjacent lots. The lot was that way in 1990 when they moved there. Value is 64,628 Assessor states the lot has a large ravine running through it He recommends 25% obsolescence/reduction for topography and value of 48,471 Motion by Baldwin seconded by Saathoff to accept recommendation of Assessor for a value of 48,471 on this lot. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**#4 Peter & Debra Klebanoff** appealed Lots 2 and 4A in Lake View Park Estelline Township Value on cabin is 148,178 lot 78,544 they stated damage from 2019 flood not repaired. Assessor stated there is extensive structural damage from flooding and he feels the value should be 74,089 on cabin and 78,544 on lot. He also will check in the fall to see if any repairs have been made. Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Saathoff to accept the recommendation of Assessor for Cabin value 74,089 lot 78,544 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**#5 Scott & Rebecca Hofer** met with the Board by speaker phone concerning Lot 5 in Olsens Sub in Norden Township. Value on house 288,046 lot 223,632 they stated assessed value exceeds the recent purchase price. Despite inspection they have identified approximately \$20,000 in repairs needed for electrical, ventilation, mold and rodent infestation. Assessor stated he had inspected such and because of the electrical and mold situation he would recommend 176,368 for house and 223,632 for lot. Motion by Roe seconded by Baldwin to accept the Assessors recommendation of 176,368 for house and 223,632 for lot. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**#6 Dorothy Ishol** met with the Board by speaker phone concerning Lots 25 and 26 in Forrest Gottschalks in Estelline Township. She stated there is no access or beach. Water level is high. We have to go to neighbors if we wish to get down to water level. Cabin was built in 1961 and sits on a slab, no furnace, wall damage where water has leaked in. Value on cabin is 114,510 lot 207,462 Assessor stated he had inspected the property and feels the cabin has a lot of maintenance to be done with water damage on north side. He recommends cabin value 83,280 lot 207,462 Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Saathoff to accept the recommendation of the Assessor for cabin 83,280 lot 207,462 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**#7 Renita Elverud** met with the Board by speaker phone concerning Lot 1B and N 25' of Lot 1C in Mykelmyres Subd Sunrise Shores in Norden Township. Value on cabin is 163,096 one lot 70,792 other lot 47,206 The Sanitary District has a lift station, water lines and electrical transformer for multiple residences located on back lot, which limits usage of property and affects resale. There is water in the crawl space and smell from lift station. Assessor inspected property. He also stated with what is on the back lot it limits its use. The cabin is also a duplex which there are no other duplexes on the lake to compare to. Square foot value was found to be higher than other residential homes. He recommends a value of 130,477 on house one lot 49,554 and other lot 33,044 Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Saathoff to accept the recommendation of the Assessor of house 130,477 one lot 49,554 second lot 33,044 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**#8 Ryon & Sharon Smeenk** met with the Board by speaker phone concerning Lot 1A and Southerly 37.5' of Lot C Mykelmyres Subd Sunrise Shores Norden Township. Back lot has utilities of Sanitary District on it and limits any use of such. Value on house 201,803 lot 67,706 Assessor inspected both sides of the duplex so valuation on duplex needs to be equalized with neighboring duplex. Removed owner occupied status since they already have it in Lincoln County. Assessor recommended house at 130,477 lot 47,394 Motion by Baldwin seconded by Roe to accept the recommendation of the Assessor for house 130,477 lot 47,394 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**#8 Troy & Deborah Johnson** met with Board by speaker phone concerning Lots 37 and 37A Nelsons Beach Estelline Township. House value is 215,724 lot 288,398 He bought such in 2018 for 350,000 He feels the front footage is wrong. Assessor inspected property. He corrected front footage from 125' to 105' due to triangle shaped lot. He added value for forced air conditioning and new floors which were not on assessment. He recommends value of 239,125 for house and 204,064 for lot. Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Saathoff to accept the recommendation of the Assessor for cabin and garage of 239,1265 and lot 204,064 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**ADJUSTMENTS OR CORRECTIONS:** Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Roe to change the value from 227,087 to 212,087 for John & Jana Seppanen on the N 363' of the S 1095' of E 742' of SE Quarter in Cleveland Township as a value of 15,000 was added to assessment for garage addition that was not started yet. All members voting aye. Motion Carried.

**ADJUSTMENT**: a split of 20 acres from one property to a correct one .Change value of Robert & Dorothy Falk Florence Township S 597.3' of E 1201.2' of NE Quarter value 35,078 correction to value of 70,503 Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Baldwin to make the necessary adjustment. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**ADJUSTMENT:** Correction of split 20 acres for Jon & Tiffany Barthel Portion of SE Quarter lying east of Big Sioux River less N 650' there of Florence Township value 160,376 should be 125,298 after correction. Motion by Roe seconded by Saathoff to make the correction. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**ADJUSTMENT:** Sara Schlotterbeck in Florence Township mobile home on leased site NE Quarter value 30,048 removed mobile home value 0 Motion by Baldwin seconded by Saathoff to make this correction. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**ADJUSTMENT:** John & Nanci Dragt Norden Township Park Drive Inn Building on Leased Site SE Quarter flood reduction from 2020 was not removed for 2021 Owner stated valuation should be back to prior value. Value was 4927 should be 24,635 Motion by Roe seconded by Rudebusch to make this correction. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**ADJUSTMENT:** Boyd Jacobson Lot 13A Nessans Beach Norden Township cabin is still gutted from prior flood and being repaired. Value was 129,262 should be 86,303 Motion by Baldwin seconded by Rudebusch to make this correction. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**ADJUSTMENT:** Riverview Breitenfelds 2<sup>nd</sup> Addn Lot 1 in Bryant City Need to apply City Discretionary on new house for 2021 Value was 195,025 should be 39,005 Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Baldwin to make this correction. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**ADJUSTMENT:** Darin & Darcy Williamson OL in 17-113-55 in Bryant City New attached garage will get City Discretionary Currently assessed at 60% complete. Value was 119,351 should be 109,550 Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Saathoff to make this correction. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**ADJUSTMENT:** Jory & Hillary Rosenlund on OL in 18-113-55: E 150' of the S 230' of OL 2 in SE in Bryant City Need to apply City Discretionary on new house. Value was 408,172 should be 76,904 Lot stays at 6937 Motion by Roe seconded by Baldwin to make this correction.

**ADJUSTMENT:** Jacob & Ardyce Sprang Lots 5 and 6 Block 4 Wilsons First Addition Hayti Town mobile home moved to Mobile home on leased site to Todd & Chantel Sprang Hayti Town value of 12,908 moved to new leased lot. Motion by Baldwin seconded by Saathoff to make this correction. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**OWNER OCCUPIED ADDITIONS:** Motion by Roe seconded by Saathoff to approve three owner occupied additions received after March 1 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**OWNER OCCUPIED DENIALS:** Motion by Baldwin seconded by Rudebusch to deny seven applications for owner occupied as did not meet specifications for owner occupied. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**RENEWABLE ENERGY:** Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Saathoff to approve two applications for renewable energy resource. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**EXEMPT PROPERTIES:** Motion by Baldwin seconded by Saathoff to approve 65 properties as being exempt properties. All of these had been published in the newspaper. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**DISABLED VET EXEMPTION:** Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Roe to approve 12 applicants for disabled vet exemption home ownership. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**ELDERLY FREEZE APPLICANTS:** Motion by Roe seconded by Rudebusch to approve 44 applicants that qualify for elderly freeze on home valuation. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

The Board then adjourned as an Equalization Board and met as a Commissioners Board.

**PLAT:** Motion by Saathoff seconded by Baldwin to approve the following plat of Ching Second Addition Located in the North Half of Section 25, Township 114 North, Range 51 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> PM All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**PLAT:** Motion by Saathoff seconded by Rudebusch to approve the plat of Lots 24A and 25A of Prairie Quay Addition in Government Lot 5 and A portion of Government Lot 6 in the Northeast Quarter of Section 30-T113N,R52W of the 5<sup>th</sup> PM Hamlin County. All members voting Aye Motion Carried.

**NAME CHANGE FOR PAYROLL PURPOSES:** The Board approved a name change for employee for payroll purposes of Jessica Trautner to Jessica Delzer.

**CONTRACT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**: Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Baldwin to authorize the Chairman to sign the School Resource Officer Agreement between Hamlin County and Castlewood School for \$620.00 per month during a school calendar year. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**PAINT STRIPING AGREEMENT:** MOTION BY Rudebusch seconded by Baldwin to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with the State of South DOT for road striping of about 25 miles of road in Hamlin County at the cost of \$35,649.83 for the County and \$7,739.77 state share paid. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**ER PROJECT:** Motion by Roe seconded by Rudebusch to authorize the Chairman to sign the Amendment Number 1 to Agreement Number 614973 to add ER Project No 6424 (04) for \$1,600,000.00 as the estimate for a mat overlay on 185th Street east of Vienna for 80% State Paid and 20% County paid . All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**UTILITY INSTALLATION:** Motion by Baldwin seconded by Saathoff for Telecommunications for a 1.25" line underground and for boring under county roads along 180<sup>th</sup> Street. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

**FUEL QUOTE:** April 7 at Hayti E-30 gas Farmers Union no bid Hamlin County Farmers Coop 1.72 All quotes do not contain certain taxes.

**GRANTS:** The Chairman signed the quarterly reports to be sent to the State for the Mitigation grants for the Castlewood School Project, Sioux Rural Water Booster project, Second Sioux Rural Water Generator Project and Estelline Area Economic Dev. Project.

**CLAIMS PAID:** Star Laundry Floor mats 31.80 Visa Treasurer supp 109.98 Road supp 122.99 Road phone 1.05 Ottertail Power Ag Bldg Elec 69.35 Courthouse Elec 650.10 Lingo Communications phones Auditor 15.44 Weed 15.44 Assessor 17.45 Extension 15.96 Courthouse 15.44 LIEAP 15.44 Register of Deeds 18.10 Treasurer 18.06 SD Public Health Lab blood tests 205.00 Verizon Sheriff cell phones and air cards 653.44 Office of Child & Family Service Nurses contract half year payment 3269.50 SDACO part of Register of Deeds fees to State M&P fund 394.00

SD Dept of Revenue money sent to State: Motor Vehicle License 236,481.95 Drivers License 575.00 Birth Fees 70.00 Death Fees 10.00

The Auditor reported the cash on hand in the Treasurers Office as of April 1,2021:

Checking Account	\$3,085,815.44
Money Markets	\$2,485,000.07
CD's	\$3,500,000.00
Cash on Hand	\$1,884.13
Checks on Hand	\$63,746.75
Credit Card Deposit on hand	\$649.29
Petty Cash	\$400.00
Total	\$9,137,495.68

## Of this the following belongs to

General Fund	\$5,785,798.69
Special Revenue	\$2,314,942.59
Schools	\$453,504.98
Townships	\$200,688.66
Cities & Towns	\$111,530.12
Trust and Agency Fund	\$271,030.64
Total	\$9,137,495.68

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 until May 3,2021 (Monday) at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room County Courthouse at Hayti.

Douglas Noem Chairman

Dixie Opdahl

**Hamlin County Auditor** 

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