

McLean County Board of Equalization Meeting

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

The Board of Equalization Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairperson Barry Suydam. Present were Commissioners Lee, Cottingham, and Barry Suydam. Also present were: Auditor Beth A. Knutson, Deputy Auditor Diane L. Blumhagen, Director of Tax Equalization Todd Schreiner, and County Assessor Ryan Oberg.

Schreiner stated that sales are the driving force behind what the county does along with the current market being followed. He reported that overall, agricultural (ag) land in 2021 has a 1.5% increase in value compared to 2020 values. Ag values are assessed according to soils and not sales or current market. The figures used derived from the NDSU Extension Office located in Fargo, North Dakota. There were 77 commercial sales used in the sales ratio from McLean County with an overall percentage of 95.2%. There were 126 residential sales used in the sales ratio from McLean County with an overall percentage of 95.0%. Schreiner informed the commission that there was no overall large increase to values. Value increases in McLean County that did occur were due to new construction, improvements to property, current condition, and sales which accounted for a number of value adjustments to a number of lake and rural subdivision properties. Sales verification letters are an important resource used to validate what is or hasn't been assessed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to accept the sales adjustment for ag land at 1.5% increase in values, the commercial sales ratio percentage of 95.2%, and the residential sales ratio percentage of 95.0%. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Lee, and Suydam. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <http://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Barry Suydam, Chairperson

Diane L. Blumhagen, Deputy Auditor