

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014

The Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Mayor Loch at 7:05 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Loch, Jerry Hesse, Sue Unterberger, Melody Gertken

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jersey Piccerillo

Others: Joe Kuechle, Jr., Clerk Deb Kramer, County Assessor Joe Udermann and appraiser Lee Schroeder

Joe Kuechle, Jr. questioned the \$40,000 increase in value on KUE Contractors property at 130 Central Avenue South. PID # 28-0110000. Udermann explained that the depreciation on some commercial buildings was slowed down. The county was using a 3% depreciation schedule when it should have been at 2% so they went in and corrected it. The value was put back to the 2010 value. This was done across the entire county. He noted if the county didn't correct it the state would have stepped in and raised it. This was a one-time correction and he should see a decrease in value next year. There were no changes made to the property. Udermann noted they could view the property as the last time was in 2009. No changes in value could be made with the appraiser viewing it.

The assessor recommended to keep the value for KUE Contractors as is. The Board agreed.

Roger Taylor called Meeker County regarding his property. PID #28-0228001. The house was removed, leaving only a garage. Taylor felt this value was too high for just the garage. The value on the garage was \$3,700 and the land was at \$14,100.00. There is no water or sewer to this property. The county removed the utility from the value making the lot value \$8,100.00. Lee noted in order to equalize the value they needed to take the utility out. The total value was decreased from \$17,800 to \$11,800.00. The Board agreed to the revised amount of \$11,800.00.

Hesse asked about his vacant lot's value. The Assessor's Office records show a garage on that parcel. Joe and Lee will do some research on this. Hesse noted that city utilities run through that property so he cannot build on it. Joe suggested no change be made to the value at this time. They will research it and Hesse can come to the county board meeting if he wants to pursue it.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNTERBERGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY HESSE. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer, Clerk

ATTEST:

Dennis C. Loch, Mayor