

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LANCASTER COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

*Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on October 19, 2018.*

Commissioners present: Todd Wiltgen, Chair; Jennifer Brinkman, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson, Bill Avery and Deb Schorr

Others present: Scott Gaines, Assessor/Register of Deeds Office; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Jenifer Holloway, Deputy County Attorney; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m., the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.*

The Chair announced that during last week's meeting the vote to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from October 9, 2018 was inadvertently announced as failing by a vote of one yes and two abstentions. However, the motion carried so the item will not be on today's agenda as previously stated.

**1) MINUTES:**

**A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Avery seconded approval of the minutes. Avery, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Brinkman and Amundson abstained. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 abstentions.

**2) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Review of the 2018 Exemption Application from the United Yezidi Community of America, Inc.**

Avery said his intent in delaying this item for one week was to provide the applicant time to seek alternatives and possibly a satisfactory resolution.

Khalaf Hesso, Yezidi Community Board Member, 7610 Northwest 12th Street, said their attorney might have spoken to the farmer but he has not been able to get in contact with him.

Avery explained that if an agreement is not in place with the farmer, the Yezidi Community would be responsible for the taxes. Hesso said next year they will either not allow the farmer to plant the beans or have him pay the taxes.

Avery said he would support the recommendation of the Assessor's Office.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Avery seconded to deny the exemption application based on the recommendation of the County Assessor/Register of Deeds.

The Chair clarified that the exemption application is being modified as the portion of the property being farmed is subject to tax but the cemetery and parking lot would remain exempt.

**ROLL CALL:** Brinkman, Schorr, Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**3) REVISED CERTIFICATION OF 2018-2019 TAX LEVIES**

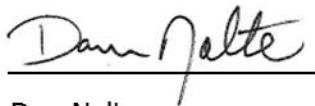
**MOTION:** Brinkman moved and Amundson seconded approval of the revised 2018-2019 tax levies. Schorr, Amundson, Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**4) PUBLIC COMMENT: Those wishing to speak on items relating to County Board of Equalization business not on the agenda may do so at this time.**

No one appeared for public comment.

**5) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Brinkman seconded to adjourn the Lancaster Board of Equalization meeting at 9:31 a.m. Amundson, Avery, Brinkman, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

