

**Dolores County Board of Equalization
Special Meeting**

MINUTES

July 6, 2022

A special meeting of the Dolores County Board of Equalization was held at the Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on July 6, 2022. Present for the meeting were Commissioner Cook, Vice Chair Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar and County Administrator Margret Daves.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Assessor Berna Ernst and Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore

Abstract Value of Property Assessment for 2023 Budget

Dolores County Assessor Berna Ernst and Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore presented the 2023 Budget Abstract Assessment. The assessed value in 2021 was 113,594,096; estimates for 2022 are at 95,312,528 for a total estimated drop of 18,281,568. The decline is due in part to a 20% decline in personal property assessments as well as from a 50% decline in oil and gas production (next year's projected outlook is forecasted to remain the same). Another factor in the decline is the result of a SB22-238 allowing the State of Colorado to lower assessment rates on residential and multi-family dwellings from the current rate of 7.15% to 6.95%. Ag land assessment rates are dropping from the current 29% to 26.80%. Adjustments are also being made on mobile home and personal property exempt valuations. These rate changes and adjustments are a test by the State, with values will returning in 2025. Mill levies cannot be adjusted during test years. Assessor Ernst reported that this is the biggest decline she has seen in her thirty years with the County.

Deputy Assessor Blackmore reported that eight real property protests had been received during the protest period. Two were approved as there were errors on the Assessor's end and six were denied and may come before the BOE. Three personal property protests were received; Notices of Determination were ultimately accepted by the taxpayer. Two personal property late filing fees were sent to entities that failed to report by the deadline.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.


Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners





Chair to the Board of County Commissioners