

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **SCOTT COUNTY CONFERENCE BOARD MINUTES**

A meeting of the Scott County Conference Board was held on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Scott County Board Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Scott County Administrative Center, 600 W 4<sup>th</sup> St, Davenport IA. The purpose of the meeting was the Scott County Assessors proposed budget for fiscal year 2017/2018. Board Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., Carol Earnhardt with the following members present (roll call):

### Schools:

Heather Witters – Pleasant Valley  
Gordan Staley – Bettendorf  
Brian Banta – Bennett  
Richard Clewell - Davenport

### Mayors:

Martin O’Boyle - Eldridge  
Scott Webster (Mayor Pro-tem) - Bettendorf

### Supervisors:

Carol Earnhardt - Chair  
Tony Knobbe – Vice Chair  
Diane Holst  
Ken Beck  
Brinson Kinzer

### Other Members Present:

Tom McManus – County Assessor  
Edward Vieth – Chief Deputy Assessor  
Brian Tiesman – Deputy Assessor  
Beth Haney – Assessor’s Office Manager

The voting units established a Legal Quorum.

Designating of the voting heads for the meeting.

Schools – Staley  
Mayors – Webster  
Supervisors - Beck

A motion was made to approve the prior meeting minutes, Witters approved motion, Staley 2nd, motion carried.

McManus explained and showed proof of Assessors Budget published in both QC Times and North Scott Press.

The next order of business was the opening for public meeting. There was no one from the public to discuss the 2017/2018 Assessors Budget report. A motion was made to close open public meeting, O'Boyle approved the motion, Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. McManus then opened the meeting discussing an amendment for the total cost of the Bettendorf Reappraisal due to a late bill submitted from Vanguard. McManus then informed the Board of the recent activity with the Bettendorf Reappraisal explaining that new property valuations notices have been mailed out and that Vanguard is currently holding informal protest meetings with property owners this week along with inspections to verify listing information and clear up any concerns the property owner may have. McManus then explained that we are in the process of mailing out the remaining notices of value changes to the rest of Scott County to help the Board be aware of upcoming phone calls and questions they may receive. In addition, to inform them of the proper protest dates that the public can come in to the Assessor's office to protest (April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> for Informal Protest and April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> for Formal Board of Review Protests). McManus then discussed the correction on permit counts for the county. Holst asked the question if we took the dollar amount submitted on a permit and if that is what we used for valuation. McManus clarified it is useful but historically we find that amount tends to be about half of the construction cost. O'Boyle questioned if the 9.91% increase is what was used across the board for all residential properties outside of Bettendorf and how was that applied. McManus explained the data received from Bettendorf was just part of the adjustment for all residential parcels and that individual sales for each area determined the required changes throughout the county. Vieth explained that some of the small towns that did not see a need for increase due to sales either stayed the same or went down in value. Discussion then took place on when the Assessor will be revaluing other parts of the County and Cities. McManus then asked if the Board wanted him to go over the line items in the proposed budget. A motion was made to approve the 2017/2018 Assessor Budget, Beck approved the motion, Witters 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. Vieth then requested a roll call vote, all approved. Unanimous approval of 2017/2018 Assessor Budget. A motion to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. Webster approved, O'Boyle 2nd, motion carried.

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Tom McManus, Clerk

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Carol Earnhardt, Chair