

Dakota County Board of Equalization
Monday, August 3, 2026
2:45 p.m. Regular Meeting to follow.
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Van Berkum called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present: Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed, Hohenstein, Rodriguez. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney, and Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk as Board Secretary. The Open Meetings Act location was noted for all citizens in attendance.

The agenda for this meeting was as follows:

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Equalization reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Approval of the previous minutes – July 20, 2026
2. NEW BUSINESS.
 - a. 2:45 p.m. Hearing for Heartland Counseling's applications for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organization for (1) 2018 Jeep Renegade SUV bearing VIN# ZACCJBBB9JPG87706 and (2) 2017 Ford Fusion Sedan bearing VIN# 3FA6POHD6HR328408. Both vehicles are used to provide community support services, crisis response, peer support and day support services to clients who have mental health and/or substance abuse issues. These are to improve the quality of life and decrease the risk for institutions or hospital admissions. The applications come with recommendation of approval by Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer. §60-3,185 and §60-3, 189
 - Board to consider the recommendation of the County Treasurer and any other information it may obtain; and shall approve or deny the exemption on the basis of law and of rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Tax Commissioner. §77-202(1)(c)(d)
 - b. Christy Abts, Assessor, requesting approval of Clerical & Omitted Errors (if any).
3. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Reed moved, seconded by Board Member Bousquet to approve the previous minutes – July 20, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet–Yes, Reed-Yes and Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTIN CARRIED.

Board Member Bousquet moved, seconded by Board Member Reed to approve Hearing for Heartland Counseling's applications for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organization for (1) 2018 Jeep Renegade SUV bearing VIN# ZACCJBBB9JPG87706 and (2) 2017 Ford Fusion Sedan bearing VIN# 3FA6POHD6HR328408. Both vehicles are used to provide community support services, crisis response, peer support and day support services to clients who have mental health and/or substance abuse issues. These are to improve the quality of life and decrease the risk for institutions or hospital admissions. The applications come with recommendation of approval by Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer. §60-3,185 and §60-3, 189. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, and Rodriguez-Yes, UNANIMOUS MOTIN CARRIED.

No Mail or emergency business.
Public Comment-None

Board Member Van Berkum moved, seconded by Board Member Bousquet to adjourn the August 3, 2026, Board of Equalization meeting at 2:48 p.m. All in favor.

County Board of Equalization

Brian Van Berkum, Chair

Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk/Secretary