Dakota County Board of Equalization
Monday, November 9, 2026
2:45 p.m. Regular Meeting
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. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Van Berkum, Reed, Hohenstein, Rodriguez. Absent: Bousquet. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk as Board Secretary. The Open Meetings Act location was noted for all citizens in attendance.

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

The agenda for this meeting was as follows:
CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

1. CONSENT AGENDA
    a. Approval of the previous minutes – October 12, 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 a 2021 Nissan Titan pickup VIN# 1N6AA1EC5MN505693.The vehicle is 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 application comes with recommendation for 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 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 error corrections (if any). §77-128
3. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Hohenstein moved, seconded by Board Member Van Berkum to excuse Board Member Bousquet from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Board Member Reed moved, seconded by Board Member Hohenstein, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2026 meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Van Berkum opened the hearing at 2:48 p.m. for Heartland Counseling's applications for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organization for a 2021 Nissan Titan pickup VIN# 1N6AA1EC5MN505693. The vehicle is 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. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, stated she approves the application. Chair Van Berkum closed the hearing at 2:49 p.m.

Board Member Rodriguez moved, seconded by Board Member Reed to accept the recommendation of the Dakota County Treasurer and approve the Heartland Counseling's applications for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organization for a 2021 Nissan Titan pickup VIN# 1N6AA1EC5MN505693. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

There was no mail, emergency business or public comment.

Chair Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting of November 9, 2026, Board of Equalization meeting at 2:50 p.m.

County Board of Equalization

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Brian Van Berkum, Chair

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Cherie Conley, Secretary/County Clerk