

April 20, 2026 @ 10:00am

Local Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting

Present - Chair Jon Auge; Supervisors Bob Steele and Erik Lee; Clerk Naomi Scott. From Crow Wing County, Land Services Director Gary Griffin, Sandra Brueland, & Zack Poule.

Call to Order – J. Auge called the Local Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting to order at 10:02am. J. Auge thanked the residents for attending and explained it was important to note this is ‘not’ a tax meeting. This meeting is to discuss the 2027 Assessment Values and classifications only. No property tax or previous year’s valuation can be considered at this meeting. The chair then turned the meeting over to Land Services Director Gary Griffin. Gary explained that the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization is being held to provide a fair and objective forum for property owners to appeal their property valuation or classification. Mission Town Board makes the final decisions.

Options available for the Board to consider include:

- No Change
- Lower the Value (township value cannot be reduced by more than 1% of the townships total valuation)
- Raise the Value
- Change the Classification
- Have the Assessor inspect the property and report to the Local Board (within the 20-day format)

There were three in-person appellants. There were no appellants who submitted a written appeal to CWC Land Services.

Jeff Johnson – PID 77270518 & 77260513

Mr. Johnson shared comments regarding property taxes always increasing, what value is received for taxes paid, and what justified his valuation increase. There was discussion between the Town Board, Land Services Staff and Mr. Johnson about various capital improvements in the town, the board keeping the levy flat for six consecutive years, the impact of the Crosby-Ironton school referendum, and the impact of recent sales. Following discussion, Mr. Johnson indicated he had no specific request for the board. J. Auge made a **motion (1)** for ‘No Change’ in the Value, seconded by B. Steele. Motion carried; all were in favor.

Jack and Mary Kay Ling – PID 77190515

The Lings indicated they found the information shared with Mr. Johnson quite informative. Land Services staff shared on how their property value increased over two years. Following discussion, they indicated they had no specific request for the board. J. Auge made a **motion (2)** for ‘No Change’ in the Value, seconded by B. Steele. Motion carried; all were in favor.

Janyce Hansen – PID 77190607

Ms. Hansen expressed questions regarding her property value increase over time. G. Griffin shared information on the increases and on property tax deferment programs available from the state which they will mail to the appellant. Following discussion, she indicated she had no specific request for the board. J. Auge made a **motion (3)** for ‘No Change’ in the Value, seconded by E. Lee. Motion carried; all were in favor.

Adjourn – J. Auge made a **motion (4)** to adjourn the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting at 10:57am, seconded by E. Lee. Motion carried; all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,


Naomi Scott
Clerk


Jon Auge
Chair