



**MINUTES OF THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 14, 2009**

State of Colorado, County of Arapahoe. At a public hearing of the Board of County Commissioners for Arapahoe County, Colorado held at 5334 S Prince St. Littleton CO 80166 there were:

Susan Beckman, Chair	Present
Rod Bockenfeld, Commissioner	Present
Pat Noonan, Commissioner	Present
Jim Dyer, Commissioner	Present
Frank Weddig, Commissioner	Present
Kathryn Schroeder, County Attorney	Absent & Excused
Nancy A. Doty, Clerk to the Board	Absent & Excused
Joleen Sanchez, Assistant Clerk to the Board	Present

When the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to wit:

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The motion was made by Commissioner Dyer and duly seconded by Commissioner Noonan to adopt the Agenda as presented.

The motion passed 5-0.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The motion was made by Commissioner Dyer and duly seconded by Commissioner Noonan to adopt the minutes of the June 30, 2009 Public Hearing.

The motion passed 4-0, Commissioner Weddig abstained.

CEREMONIES

Idea Awards to Joan Barquero, Community Resources Department and Judy Cummings, Facilities and Fleet Management

Commissioner Beckman read the resolution for Joan Barquero.

The motion was made by Commissioner Dyer to adopt the resolution, duly seconded by Commissioner Noonan.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Beckman read the resolution for Judy Cummings.

The motion was made by Commissioner Noonan to adopt the resolution, duly seconded by Commissioner Weddig.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Corbin Sakdol said the appeals period was very successful. He stated that 4.7% of Arapahoe County parcels appealed; some counties in Colorado had a 30% appeal and some were higher than that. He said 202,000 Notices of Valuation were mailed out so everyone had the month of May to appeal. He said the cases are going through the Board of Equalization and everything is going smoothly.

Commissioner Beckman asked how this year compared to other years.

Mr. Sakdol said 2007 was almost the same.

Commissioner Weddig asked if there are any categories that had more trouble.

Mr. Sakdol said in 2007 the values started dropping off right after the appraisals were finished so there was a higher residential appeal. He said the same thing happened this year with commercial. He said values were still going up but today the market has softened, but we cannot consider the current market for two years. He said there were low protests regarding personal property.

Commissioner Beckman said the commercial buildings play a significant part in the property tax the County collects.

Mr. Sakdol said it is a tough time for the business people and the County will carry these appeals all the way through the Board of Assessment Appeals District Court for the next couple of years.

Commissioner Weddig asked if the other counties are having the same problem.

Mr. Sakdol said yes, the metro counties are experiencing the same problem. He said Denver and Jefferson counties have raised values substantially on commercial properties. He said the western slope has an entirely different

market. He said residential there was raised substantially because of the oil boom so in 2007 and early 2008 the market was going like gangbusters, so their appeals are very high. He said Pitkin County had a 30-40% appeal rate and that is gigantic.

Commissioner Beckman thanked Mr. Sakdol for the wonderful job he is doing for Arapahoe County residents. She said it is a pleasure to work with Mr. Sakdol.

The motion was made by Commissioner Bockenfeld and duly seconded by Commissioner Weddig to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion passed 5-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

There were no General Business Items on this date.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bockenfeld informed the Board that Aurora and Arapahoe County State Representative Cindy Acree's husband Robert passed away over the weekend. He said the Board's prayers go out to the Acree family.

There being no other business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the hearing at 9:40 a.m.

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NANCY A. DOTY, CLERK TO THE BOARD
BY JOLEEN SANCHEZ, ASSISTANT CLERK TO THE BOARD