

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session on August 1, 2005. Those present for the session were Don Batchelder, Chair; Heidi M. Albritton, Vice Chair; Kristi R. Westfall, Member; Connie I. Hunt, County Administrator; and Linda Munson-Haley, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

- **Note – This meeting was recorded for reference purposes.**

1:30 The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Equalization to consider the following property valuation appeals:

- A. 1:30 Property Owner: Savage Mining & Oil Corp
(Continuation from July 7, 2005 hearing)
Schedule Number: N004494 and N004705**

Commissioner Batchelder convened the Board of Equalization and reminded everyone present that they were still under oath as this was a continuation from a previous hearing.

Doris Johnson, Chief Deputy Assessor/Chief Appraiser, was present on behalf of the Assessor's Office and presented Assessor Exhibit Item A-1.

Angelo Zanett, Petitioner, was present and submitted a letter from Bob Larson dated July 28, 2005 that included a topographic map of the Bear Creek area (Petitioner Exhibit A-1). He explained that all of the claims are underground and that nothing can be done with the surface rights because they are on cliff sides, are in avalanche chutes, and are only accessible by the Bear Creek Hiking Trail.

Commissioner Albritton asked Ms. Johnson, based on this new evidence, if she could make adjustments for avalanche chutes as she alluded to in the previous hearing.

Commissioner Westfall asked Ms. Johnson if she would stipulate that even though they are not all listed in Mr. Larson's letter as being in avalanche chutes, the remaining claims are also in the avalanche chute area and Ms. Johnson agreed.

Mr. Zanett explained that the issue is that you cannot build there even if the claims were not in avalanche areas.

Ms. Johnson said that she does not take "buildable" into account on mining claims. All mining claims are valued at \$1,000 across the board.

M/S/P—Motion was made by Commissioner Batchelder to adjust to \$775/acre, 75% of the value, based on the terrain and geology of avalanches where evidence was presented on specific claims that there are avalanches across those claims and periphery evidence that avalanches impacted the others. Neither Commissioner Westfall nor Commissioner Albritton seconded the motion. The motion died for lack of second.

M/S/P—Motion was made by Commissioner Westfall and seconded by Commissioner Albritton to adjust to 50% value or \$500/per acre based on the fact of the evidence submitted by Bob Larson that the claims are in an avalanche zone and that most of the claims would be affected by avalanches. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

2:00 Commissioner Batchelder recessed and reconvened at 2:15:

- B. 2:15 Property Owner: Paul M. Sanders
Schedule Number: R001847**

Commissioner Batchelder reconvened the hearing and the Deputy Clerk administered the Oath to all present.

Doris Johnson, Chief Deputy Assessor/Chief Appraiser, offered Assessor Exhibit Item B-1 into evidence.

Paul Sanders was not present so the Board accepted his reasons for disagreement noted in the place provided on the back of the Notice of Determination as evidence.

M/S/P—Motion was made by Commissioner Westfall and seconded by Commissioner Albritton to accept the Chief Appraiser's recommendation to lower the total value from \$292,110 to \$198,570. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

2:20 Commissioner Batchelder recessed and reconvened at 3:00:

- C. 3:00 Property Owner: Julie & Randy Rex
Schedule Number: R000274**

Commissioner Batchelder reconvened and noted that the Petitioners were not present and the evidence as attached to the Notice of Determination was accepted as testimony.

Doris Johnson, Chief Deputy Assessor/Chief Appraiser, offered Assessor Item C-1 into evidence.

M/S/P—Motion was made by Commissioner Albritton and seconded by Commissioner Westfall to accept the Chief Appraiser’s recommendation to lower the value from \$90,000 to \$72,000. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

3:03 Commissioner Batchelder adjourned the special session:

OURAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Acting as the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
OURAY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Michelle Nauer, County Clerk and Recorder

Don Batchelder, Chair

Heidi M. Albritton, Vice Chair

By: _____
Linda Munson-Haley,
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Kristi R. Westfall, Member