

Meet Our Team

*All Property Tax staff are
Certified Appraiser Assessors.*



Wendy Semmler - Director

Wendy has worked her way through the division ranks for the last 16 years. She has worked with all aspects of the property tax realm, but her expertise lies with taxation compliance.

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Todd Bailey - Centrally Assessed Program Manager

Todd has been with the Property Tax Division for over 20 years. He is a wealth of knowledge about assessment policy, but his focus is on Centrally Assessed Utilities.

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Kathy Goetsch - Program Manager

Kathy just celebrated her first year with us! She was previously the Davison County Director of Equalization for 14 years and Auditor prior to that. She handles all general property tax questions.

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Robin Carlson - Senior Statistician

Robin joined the team March 2019. She handles the certification of Tax Increment Financing Districts and general questions on our many forms and the Property Tax Relief programs.

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Amber Jensen - Specialist

You might know her as Amber Steinke. (She just got married this summer!!) Amber has been with the division for 4 years. She assists county assessing staff with compliance of assessment laws.

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Patty Caster - Specialist

Patty may be one of the newer Property Tax staff, but she touts an impressive history of over 20 years experience in the assessing field. Her expertise will be hugely beneficial to new DOEs. Patty is located in the Rapid City DOR office.

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Jeff Puthoff - Specialist

Jeff is in his first year on the Property Tax Team. He brings a fresh perspective on GIS and agricultural land issues. Located in the Yankton DOR Office, he will be performing Sales Ratio audits and helping DOEs with assessment issues for the eastern counties.

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