

December 1, 2005
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Truth in Taxation Meeting

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met for the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 5:01 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present were: Commissioners Chuck Severson, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns, Gary Sorenson; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson. Guests present included: Marlin Timmerman, Inez Timmerman, Loren Green, Ewald Schuelke, Darald Evers, Bud Muller, Lenora Muller, Phillip Welton, John J. Regier, Ron Gregg, Mark Johnson, Steven Grunewald, Stanley Johnson, Henry Mews, Pete Samuelson, Robert Stahl and John D. Regier.

Chairman Severson called the meeting to order. It was stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the county budget and not property valuations. It was reported that the certified levy for 2006 is \$5,625,574 and the certified levy for 2005 was \$5,436,239 for a difference of approximately \$190,000. The reason that the county increased the levy for 2006 by 3.48% is to make up increased costs that the county has no control over.

Several questions were asked and answered throughout the course of the meeting. However, one of the questions that seemed to be asked the most was in regards to agriculture property and Auditor/Treasurer Johnson explained this to the group.

County Engineer Ron Gregg was present at the meeting so he was able to answer many of the budgeting questions in regards to the landfill as well as the Highway Department.

There being no further guests, or business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Chuck Severson, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant