

Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
June 12, 2007

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met for the annual County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Law Enforcement Center in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Norm Holmen. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns, Gary Sorenson, Tom White, Ron Kuecker; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Assessor Gale Bondhus and Appraiser Lisa Will. Also present were: Rick Nordahl, Steve Kjorness, Steve Dibble, Mike Rolfes, Harold Klassen and Ray Shelstad.

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County Assessor Gale Bondhus presented the recommended changes to the board and reported on assessment valuation changes from 2006 to 2007. Value changes were made based on qualifying sales that took place in the county from 10/01/05 to 09/30/06.

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Rick Nordahl met with the board in regards to the Westbrook Health Center (Parcel 24.900.0060). He asked that the board consider reducing the property value as he feels that this property is being unfairly taxed compared to other buildings of similar type in the county. He wants to know the justification for how the county taxes non-profit organizations.

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Mike Rolfes met with the board in regards to a property (Parcel 24.825.0200) of his in the City of Westbrook. He feels that the value on the property is way too high. It was reported that four written letters were sent to the homeowner in 2004 with no response so the Assessor's Office has never been able to view the inside of the property and only the outside.

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Harold Klassen met with the board to question the classification of taxes on his property (Parcel 12.029.0200). He felt that his property shouldn't be classified as industrial.

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After listening to the individuals that were present for the Board of Equalization and reviewing the information presented, the board acted as follows:

Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to make no adjustment to Parcel 24.900.0060 owned by the Westbrook Health Center. Rick Nordahl was given the name of a contact with the Department of Revenue to answer some of his remaining questions. The County Assessor stated that she would be sending information to the Department of Revenue regarding Mickelson Manor and Remick Ridge for their review sometime in the future.

Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to make no adjustment to Parcel 24.825.0200 owned by Mike Rolfes.

Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to make no adjustment to the classification on Parcel 12.029.0200 owned by Harold Klassen.

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Motion by White, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve remainder of assessments as presented.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Norm Holmen, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant