

Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
June 19, 2018

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met for the annual County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 6:43 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Donna Gravley. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Tom Appel, Jim Schmidt, Donna Gravley, Norm Holmen, and Kevin Stevens; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson, County Attorney Nick Anderson, Kathy Marsh, County Assessor Gale Bondhus, Deputy Appraiser Alan Coners, Senior Appraiser Karla Ambrose, and John Tibodeau.

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John Tibodeau (15.014.0100) questioned the \$6,600 estimated market value increase on a concrete floor and retaining wall as he feels it should be tax exempt. Motion by Schmidt, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to make no change on Parcel 15.014.0100 owned by John Tibodeau. Tibodeau and the County Assessor should work together to see if there is documentation to state the concrete floor is tax exempt.

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Bondhus presented assessment valuation changes and statistics from 2017 to 2018 to the Board. Value changes were made based on qualifying sales that took place in the county from 10/01/16 to 09/30/17. Bondhus presented 2018 new construction changes and comparisons by district from 2017 to 2018 as well as valuation changes by property type from 2017 to 2018.

Bondhus updated the board on Tax Court cases that have been finalized or still pending.

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Bondhus presented the County Assessor recommendations to the board as follows: recommendation to reduce the house taxable value by \$12,300 as the inside of the building has deteriorated on Parcel 12.006.0401.

Motion by Schmidt, second by Johnson, unanimous vote to reduce the house taxable value by \$12,300 as the inside of the building has deteriorated on Parcel 12.006.0401 owned by James Dick et al. Due to the change, the adjusted 2018 estimated market value on the house/garage/1 acre is \$85,100.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to accept the remainder of assessments as presented.

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There being no further business, Chairman Gravley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Donna L. Gravley, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator