

Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
June 21, 2016

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met for the annual County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6:18 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Kevin Stevens. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Kevin Stevens, Jim Schmidt, Donna Gravley, Norm Holmen, Tom Appel; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; Kathy Marsh; County Assessor Gale Bondhus; Deputy Assessor Alan Coners; and Appraiser Karla Ambrose.

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Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer, administered the Oath of Office to the Board of Equalization members.

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County Assessor Gale Bondhus informed the board that the Certification of Training for Appeal and Equalization for Commissioners Holmen and Schmidt will expire on July 1, 2016 and that at least two members will need to certify for 2017.

Bondhus presented assessment valuation changes and statistics from 2015 to 2016 to the Board. Value changes were made based on qualifying sales that took place in the county from 10/01/14 to 09/30/15. Bondhus presented 2016 new construction changes and comparisons by district from 2015 to 2016 as well as valuation changes by property type from 2015 to 2016.

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Bondhus presented the County Assessor recommendations to the board as follows: recommendation to make no change on Parcel 25.791.0440 owned by Jane Moldaschel and Crista Stahl; recommendation to reduce the taxable value by \$400 for the removal of a deck on Parcel 25.617.0040 owned by Monte and Beth Scrivens; recommendation to reduce the taxable value by \$5,600 for the removal of a "No Response" status, adjusting the effective age/condition and adding the yard shed, which is in fair condition, on Parcel 22.413.0590 owned by Floyd and Corinne Green; recommendation to reduce the taxable value by \$3,900 for adjusting the effective age/condition on Parcel 23.714.1110 owned by Kevin and Gretchen Scharmer; and a recommendation to reduce the taxable value by \$10,200 for the removal of a "No Response" status on Parcel 25.522.0110 owned by April and Justin Harrington.

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Motion by Johnson, second by Schmidt, unanimous vote to make no change to Parcel 25.791.0440 owned by Jane Moldaschel and Crista Stahl. The 2016 estimated market value will remain at \$170,700.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Appel, unanimous vote to reduce the taxable value by \$400 for the removal of a deck on Parcel 25.617.0040 owned by Monte and Beth Scrivens. Due to the change, the adjusted 2016 estimated market value is \$171,100.

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Motion by Schmidt, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to reduce the taxable value by \$5,600 for the removal of a "No Response" status, adjusting the effective age/condition and adding the yard shed, which is in fair condition, on Parcel 22.413.0590 owned by Floyd and Corinne Green. Due to the changes, the adjusted 2016 estimated market value is \$37,700.

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Motion by Gravley, second by Johnson, unanimous vote to reduce the taxable value by \$3,900 for adjusting the effective age/condition on Parcel 23.714.1110 owned by Kevin and Gretchen Scharmer. Due to the change, the adjusted 2016 estimated market value is \$65,200.

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Motion by Appel, second by Gravley, unanimous vote to reduce the taxable value by \$10,200 for the removal of a "No Response" status on Parcel 25.522.0110 owned by April and Justin Harrington. Due to the change, the adjusted 2016 estimated market value is \$128,400.

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Motion by Gravley, second by Schmidt, unanimous vote to accept the remainder of assessments as presented.

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There being no further business, Chairman Stevens declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Kevin Stevens, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator