

Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners  
County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting  
June 18, 2019

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met for the annual County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:02 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Norm Holmen. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Tom Appel, Larry Anderson, Donna Gravley, Norm Holmen, and Kevin Stevens; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson, County Attorney Nick Anderson, Kathy Marsh, Donna Torkelson, County Assessor Gale Bondhus, Deputy Appraiser Karla Ambrose, JoAnn Sandbo, Jerome Robillard, and Rahn Larson.

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Bondhus presented assessment valuation changes and statistics from 2018 to 2019 to the Board. Value changes were made based on qualifying sales that took place in the county from 10/01/17 to 09/30/18. Bondhus presented 2019 new construction changes and comparisons by district from 2018 to 2019 as well as valuation changes by property type from 2018 to 2019.

Bondhus updated the board on law changes that have been made and reviewed tax capacity figures.

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JoAnn Sandbo (25.022.4600) questioned and asked for an explanation of her increase in real estate taxes.

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Karla Ambrose, Deputy Assessor, presented the County Assessor recommendations to the board as follows: recommendation to reduce the building value by \$37,100 due to basement issues on Parcel 22.611.1120; recommendation to decrease the value by \$4,900 (building - \$3,800 and land - \$1,100) for building value with a functional adjustment for small square footage on parcel 25.830.0501; and recommendation to decrease the land value by \$5,900 due to irregular size lot on parcel 25.357.0130.

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Motion by Gravley, second by Appel, unanimous vote to make no change on Parcel 25.022.4600 owned by JoAnn Sandbo. The 2019 estimated market value will remain at \$121,800.

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Motion by Appel, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to decrease the building value by \$37,100 due to basement issues on parcel 22.611.1120 owned by Melvin R. Hooge Trust. Due to the change, the adjusted 2019 estimated market value is \$47,000.

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Motion by Stevens, second by Johnson, unanimous vote to decrease the value by \$4,900 (building - \$3,800 and land - \$1,100) for building value with a functional adjustment for small square footage on parcel 25.830.0501 owned by Monte and Beth Scrivens. Due to the change, the adjusted 2019 estimated market value is \$29,800.

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Motion by Gravley, second by Anderson, unanimous vote to decrease the land value by \$5,900 due to a size adjustment on parcel 25.357.0130 owned by Gary & Gerri Burmeister. Due to the change, the adjusted 2019 estimated market value is \$13,400.

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Motion by Gravley, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to acknowledge the letter received on June 14, 2019 and make no change to parcel 04.233.0400 owned by Andrew Goertzen. The 2019 estimated market value will remain at \$60,200.

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

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There being no further business, Chairman Holmen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

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Norman Holmen, Board Chairman

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Kelly Thongvong, County Coordinator