

Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
June 15, 2021

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met for the annual County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:08 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Law Enforcement Center in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Tom Appel. Present in person or via teleconference for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Tom Appel, Larry Anderson, Norm Holmen, and Kevin Stevens; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Auditor/Treasurer Donna Torkelson, County Attorney Nick Anderson, Kathy Marsh, County Assessor Gale Bondhus, Al Coners, David Grev, Wayne Maras, Sarah Lanier, Rachel Yoder, Bill Wentzel, and Cody Fast. Commissioner Gravley was absent.

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County Assessor Gale Bondhus presented assessment valuation changes and statistics from 2020 to 2021 to the Board. Value changes were made based on qualifying sales that took place in the county from 10/01/19 to 09/30/20. Bondhus presented 2021 new construction changes and comparisons by district from 2020 to 2021 as well as valuation changes by property type from 2020 to 2021. Bondhus also reviewed sales ratio changed and possible legislation changes.

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Bill Wentzel and Cody Fast (25.556.0050, 25.556.0040, 25.556.0030, and 25.556.0020) asked for reductions on the land and buildings to get the total EMV to equal the purchase price.

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Rachel Yoder (11.163.0040) asked for a reduction on the machine shed porch and cement slab.

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Bondhus presented the County Assessor recommendation to the board as follows: recommendation to reduce the building taxable value by \$65,500 due to condition on parcel 08.016.0404.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Stevens, unanimous roll call vote to decrease the building value by \$65,500 due to an adjustment of the condition of the house on parcel 08.016.0404 owned by Mary Louise Walinga. Due to the change, the adjusted 2021 estimated market value is \$75,100.

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Motion by Anderson, second by Torkelson, unanimous roll call vote to make no change on parcels 25.556.0050, 25.556.0040, 25.556.0030, and 25.556.0020 owned by FGS Ag Acquisition Company. The 2021 estimated market value will remain at \$7,724,300.

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Motion by Stevens, second by Anderson, unanimous roll call vote to make no change on parcel 11.163.0040 owned by Rachel and Kenneth Yoder. The 2021 estimated market value will remain at \$447,100.

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

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There being no further business, Chairman Appel declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Donna Torkelson, Auditor/Treasurer

Thomas D. Appel, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator