

County of Sibley
Board of Appeal and Equalization Proceedings
Monday, June 19, 2017

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 273 and 274, the Sibley County Board of Commissioners, the County Auditor and the County Assessor met in the Commissioner's Room, 2nd floor, of the Courthouse in the City of Gaylord, MN on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of forming a County Board of Appeal and Equalization for reviewing the 2017 real and personal property values as returned by the Local Boards of Appeal and Equalization.

The following Commissioners were present: Joy Cohrs, Bobbie Harder, Bill Pinske and Jim Swanson. Also present were Laura Hacker, County Assessor; Kelly Raddatz, Appraiser Trainee; Kelly Rose, Appraiser I; Marilee Peterson, County Auditor and Roxy Traxler, County Administrator. Absent: Commissioner Gary Kruggel.

The oath was administered to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization by County Administrator Traxler.

The County Board of Appeal and Equalization proceeded to organize by nominating Jim Swanson as Chair. A motion was made by Commissioner Pinske, seconded by Commissioner Cohrs and carried for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Swanson as Chair of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Joy Cohrs was nominated for Vice-Chair. A motion was made by Commissioner Pinske, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Cohrs as Vice-Chair of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Kelso Township landowner Roger Just presented an appeal to the Board for parcel number 18.1212.000 (SE ¼ of SW ¼, Sect 12, Twp 112, Rng 27). His concerns included that his property may be land locked. In addition, he is concerned that his value changed from \$44,000 to \$82,400. Laura Hacker advised the Assessor's Office does not consider it land locked as it is bordered by DNR public land. Also, the property was re-mapped as part of the quintile which was previously 4 acres of woods, 30 acres of waste, and 6 acres of river and was changed to 19.95 acres of woods, 12.55 acres of wooded ravine, and 7.5 acres of river. A motion was made by County Auditor Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pinske and carried to deny Mr. Just's request for reduction of value to parcel number 18.1212.000.

Faxon Township landowner Adeline Cauley had an appeal before the Board, presented on her behalf by Laura Hacker, for parcel number 13.3313.000 (NW ¼ of SW ¼, Sect 33 Twp 114 Rng 25). Adeline Cauley is a member of Faxon Township Board, so due to conflict of interest it was brought to the County Board. After re-mapping the land, it is the recommendation of the Assessor's Office to change the value from \$134,200 to \$69,800 resulting in a total decrease of \$64,400. A motion was made by Commissioner Harder, seconded by Commissioner Pinske to lower the value as recommended by the Assessor's Office for parcel number 13.3313.000.

County Assessor Laura Hacker presented to the Board Sections I, II, and III of the County Assessor's 2017 Assessment of Sibley County Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohrs and seconded by Commissioner Pinske to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Attest:

//Roxy Traxler//
Roxy Traxler, County Administrator

//Gary Kruggel//
Gary Kruggel, Board Chair