

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 26, 2007

The Mower County Board of Appeal and Equalization in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in continuation of its Annual Meeting on June 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz:     Dick Lang, Chair  
  Raymond Tucker  
  David Hillier  
  Dave Tollefson  
  Doug Groh, County Auditor-Treasurer  
  Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Members absent:                 Richard Cummings

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to approve the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Appeal and Equalization dated June 13, 2007. Motion carried.

The appeal of Michael and Shirley Adams was continued from June 13, 2007 in regard to the valuation and classification of parcel #05-034-0010. Michael Adams was asked to present any new information at which time he made comments in regard to the valuation of the parcel. The County Assessor presented the Board with a prepared rebuttal to Mr. Adams June 13, 2007 appeal and recommended no change in the valuation or classification.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to reject the appeal of Michael and Shirley Adams in regard to the assessed valuation of parcel #05-034-0010. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to reject the appeal of Michael and Shirley Adams in regard to the classification of parcel #05-034-0010. The Commissioners voted as follows: Hillier aye, Tollefson aye, Tucker nay, Lang aye, and Groh aye. Motion carried 4 to 1.

The appeal of John Shaw was continued from June 13, 2007 in regard to the valuation of parcel #23-013-0080. Discussion was held in regard to what other properties this parcel was compared to both in Mower County and in the Southeast Minnesota.

Motion by Commissioner Tollefson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to reject the appeal of John Shaw in regard to the valuation of parcel #23-013-0080. Motion carried.

The appeal of Randy Hegge was continued from June 13, 2007 in regard to valuation of parcel #12-018-0016. The Assessor provided a review of the appeal.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to reject the appeal of Randy Hegge in regard to the valuation of parcel #12-018-0016. Motion carried.

The appeal of Doug Weseman was continued from June 13, 2007 in regard to valuation of parcel #11-004-0100. Mr. Weseman presented the Board with copies of a spreadsheet he prepared. The Assessor provided information to the Board in regard to a ruling by the Department of Revenue on a similar property in another county.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to reject the appeal of Doug Weseman in regard to the valuation of parcel #11-04-0100. Motion carried.

The appeal of Kyle Klaehn was heard in regard to the classification and valuation of parcel #08-007-0035. Mr. Klaehn presented information in regard to the right to bring his appeal to this Board. The County Assessor stated he waived his contention in regard to Mr. Klaehn's right to be here based on the local meeting being an "open book" meeting. Mr. Klaehn presented additional information including aerial photos of his property, assessed 2006 tax statement, current tax statement and referred to various state statutes. The Assessor responded to Mr. Klaehn's appeal and referred to a ruling by the Department of Revenue on similar property in another county.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to reject the appeal of Kyle Klaehn in regard to the valuation of parcel #08-007-0035. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to change the classification of parcel #08-007-0035 from Residential-Homestead to Agriculture-Homestead based on the appeal of Kyle Klaehn. The Commissioners voted as follows: Hillier nay, Tucker aye, Tollefson, aye, Groh nay, and Lang aye. Motion carried 3 to 2.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to accept the report of Mower County valuations as of January 2, 2007 for taxes payable 2007 as submitted by the County Assessor on June 13, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tollefson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. to Special Session. Motion carried.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

**Attest:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Coordinator**

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