

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY
BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
OF MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA,
AT ITS REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING
June 11, 2012

The Board of Appeal and Equalization of Mower County, Minnesota, convened their annual session in the Commissioner's room of the Mower County Government Center at Austin, Minnesota, at 6:00 p.m. on June 11, 2012.

The following members were present and subscribed to the Oath of the Board of Appeal and Equalization:

Mike Ankeny, Chair
Jerry Reinartz
Tony Bennett
Tim Gabrielson
Raymond Tucker
Doug Groh, County Auditor-Treasurer (arrived at 6:19 and Oath taken at 6:25 p.m.)
Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Staff Present: Richard Peterson, Mower County Assessor
Joy Kanne, Property Appraiser

Appellants: Pam Reistad / Austin City's Employee Credit Union; Lawrence Hanson; Jennings/Koch; Jeff Wilhelmi; Steve & Kathy Sollie; Bruce Bucknell; Craig Byram / ProGrowth Bank; Jim Plehal; Allan Ziebarth / Palleton of MN

The Chair called the meeting to order and asked for the assessor's report.

Richard Peterson, County Assessor, presented the report of 2012 valuations reviewing tillable land sales, Ag land values per acres and a residential property review.

The County Coordinator explained the purpose of the meeting; it is to appeal the County Assessor's valuations or classification of properties only. The Coordinator indicated to the Chair that a large number of persons expressed a desire to appeal which was probably due to the Board initiative to revalue the Commercial properties. Due to the large number appointments had been scheduled for the appeals. In order for the County Review Board to act on an appeal the persons need to have a scheduled appointment or need to appear at tonight's meeting. Tonight's meeting needs to recess to hear the additional scheduled appeals.

The Review Board set meetings on June 20, 21 and possible 22 for the Assessor's reports on the appeals heard and to make decisions on the appeals.

Pam Reistad for the Austin City's Employee Credit Union appealed the building value on parcel 34.600.1700.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to table the appeal of Austin City's Employee Credit Union on parcel 34.600.1700 until 9:00 a.m. on June 20, 2012 to receive information from the assessor's office and to take action on said appeal. Motion carried.

Lawrence Hanson appealed the land values on parcels 34.224.0040, 34.224.0050 and 34.224.0060 due to soil contamination.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to table the appeal of Lawrence Hanson on parcels 34.224.0040, 34.224.0050 and 34.224.0060 until 9:15 a.m. on the June 20, 2012 to receive information from the assessor's office and to take action on said appeal. Motion carried.

Richard Koch for Jeff Jennings appealed the land and building values on parcel 26.005.0207. A recent appraisal had been completed that values the property significantly differently from the Vanguard appraisal.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to table the appeal of Jeff Jennings on parcel 26.005.0207 until 9:30 a.m. on the June 20, 2012 to receive information from the assessor's office and to take action on said appeal. Motion carried.

Jim Plehal appealed land values and classifications on parcels 34.060.0030, 34.810.0260, 34.100.2240, 34.100.2230 and the land values for parcels 34.892.0010, 34.592.0030, 34.114.0030, 34.114.0040 and 34.114.0050. There is a berm on some of the parcels for flood mitigation and many of the parcels are in a flood plain.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to table the appeals of Jim Plehal on parcels 34.060.0030, 34.810.0260, 34.100.2240, 34.100.2230, 34.892.0010, 34.592.0030, 34.114.0030, 34.114.0040 and 34.114.0050 until 9:45 a.m. on June 20, 2012 to receive information from the assessor's office and to take action on said appeal. Motion carried.

Laurie (Jeff) Wilhelmi appealed the split ratio on the commercial land value on parcel 34.751.0210.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to table the appeal of Jeff Wilhelmi on parcel 34.751.0210 until 10:15 a.m. on June 20, 2012 to receive information from the assessor's office and to take action on said appeal. Motion carried.

Steve & Kathy Sollie appealed the land value on parcel 02.008.0191.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to table the appeal of Steve Sollie on parcel 02.008.0191 until 10:30 on June 20, 2012 to receive information from the assessor's office and to take action on said appeal. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

Bruce and Linda Bucknell appealed the land and building values on parcels 29.005.0400 and 29.001.0162 and the land value of parcel 09.036.0070.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to table the appeal of Bruce and Linda Bucknell values on parcels 29.005.0400, 29.001.0162 and 09.036.0070 until 10:45 a.m. on June 20, 2012 to receive information from the assessor's office and to take action on said appeal. Motion carried.

Craig Byram appeared on behalf of ProGrowth Bank to appeal the land value on parcel 34.256.0100.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to table the appeal of ProGrowth Bank on parcel 34.256.0100 until 11:00 a.m. on June 20, 2012 to receive information from the assessor's office and to take action on said appeal. Motion carried.

Allan Ziebarth appeared on behalf of Palleton of MN to appeal the land value on parcels 34.860.0140 and 34.570.0009. The property has some environmental issues; underground and above ground tanks have been removed and the property is being monitored for contamination.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to table the appeal of Palleton of MN value on parcels 34.860.0140 and 34.570.0009 until 11:30 a.m. on June 20, 2012 to receive information from the assessor's office and to take action on said appeal. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to recess at 9:12 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2012 in order to hear only scheduled appeals, to consider relevant information and to take actions required of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. Motion carried.

THE BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:
By: _____
County Auditor-Treasurer

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