

**FILLMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

**June 23, 2020**

This is a preliminary draft of the June 23, 2020 Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes as interpreted by the Clerk of the Board for use in preparing the official minutes. It is expected that there will be corrections, additions, and/or omissions before the final minutes are reviewed and officially approved by the County Board.  
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The Board of Appeal and Equalization of Fillmore County met pursuant to MN Statutes on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Duane Bakke, Marc Prestby, Randy Dahl and Mitch Lentz. Also present were: Bobbie Vickerman, Administrator/Clerk; Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer; Jason McCaslin, Assessor; Brian Hoff, Appraiser; Casey Patten, Appraiser; Roxane Alden, Appraiser; Sarah Kohn, Appraiser; Harlan Marchant, and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bobbie Hillery, County Administrator/Clerk, administered the oath of office to the following Board of Appeals and Equalization members: Commissioners Marc Prestby, Randy Dahl; Mitch Lentz; Larry Hindt; Duane Bakke; and Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer.

Jason McCaslin, Assessor, reviewed the role of the Board of Appeals and Equalization Board and provided a presentation regarding this year's Assessment.

McCaslin noted that there is one taxpayer present to ask the County Board to review his property. It was noted that this taxpayer has been working with Appraiser Hoff during the past few days.

Harlan Marchant, Marchant Motors, Spring Valley, was present at the meeting, requested the Board to review and reduce the property values for four (4) parcels (36.0301.000, 36.0302.010, 36.0190.000, 36.0868.000). He noted that he feels the values have increased significantly and he would never be able to sell the properties for the amount that they are assessed at.

Discussion ensued regarding the property and the commercial valuations for the City of Spring Valley.

A motion was made by Bakke and seconded by Lentz to reduce the property value of parcels 36.0301.000 and 36.0302.010 from a total of \$121,595 to \$103,275 for Harlan Marchant, Marchant Motors, Spring Valley. McCaslin asked if the Board could amend the motion to round the numbers.

Bakke and Lentz agreed and the Board unanimously approved the changed motion to reduce the property value of parcels 36.0301.000 and 36.0302.010 from a total of \$121,600 to \$103,300 for Harlan Marchant, Marchant Motors, Spring Valley.

Assessor McCaslin gave recommendations from the Assessor's Office to reduce the property valuations for the following parcels. McCaslin explained the recommendations are based on his findings from inspections and reassessments of said parcels.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property value from \$169,000 down to \$156,400 for parcel #36.0874.010. The adjustment was to account for the removal of the basement finish.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the request to split the classification of parcel #16.0031.030 to reflect 75% commercial use and 25% agricultural use.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved the request to adjust parcels

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11.0309.000 and 11.0309.020 to reflect the building on the correct parcel.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt the Board of Appeal and Equalization was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.