

**FILLMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

**June 18 and June 25, 2019**

This is a preliminary draft of the June 18, 2019 and June 25, 2019 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 18th day of June 2019 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, Coordinator/Clerk; Karla Franzen, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer; Brian Hoff, Land Records/Assessor; Cynthia Blagsvedt, Assessor; Ronald Vikre, Property Appraiser; Dave Enright, Property Appraiser; Roxane Alden, Property Appraiser; Jessy Betts, Patrol Sergeant; Mark Hobert; Colleen Allen; Mark Burmeister; Jackie Garnatz; Kevin Beck; Gretchen Mensink, Republican Leader; and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Karla Franzen, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer, administered the oath of office to the following Board of Appeals and Equalization members: Duane Bakke, Marc Prestby, Randy Dahl and Mitch Lentz.

Brian Hoff & Cindy Blagsvedt, Land Records Director/Assessor, reviewed the role of the Board of Appeals and Equalization along with the packet provided.

Land Records Director Hoff presented requests for the following property owners, each of whom had appeared at their Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting for their tax jurisdiction or called/met with their appraiser during the Open Book meeting.

Adam Brennan to move property value from \$117,900 down to \$97,500.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property value from \$117,900 to \$97,500 for Adam Brennan.

Michael & Andrea Pepin to move property value from \$162,680 down to \$134,211.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property value from \$162,680 down to \$134,211 for Michael & Andrea Pepin.

Linda Tacke to move property value from \$217,400 down to \$212,046.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property value from \$217,400 down to \$212,046 for Linda Tacke.

Paul Hardwick to move property value from \$174,000 down to \$156,877.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property value from \$174,000 down to \$156,877 for Paul Hardwick.

Rebecca Becker to move property value from \$176,700 down to \$153,335.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property

value from \$176,700 down to \$153,335 for Rebecca Becker.

Matthew Stier to move property value from \$140,900 down to \$112,500.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property value from \$140,900 down to \$112,500 for Matthew Stier.

Paula Ruesink to move property value from \$141,100 down to \$132,400.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property value from \$141,100 down to \$132,400 for Paula Ruesink.

After review, Land Records Director Hoff presented a recommendation to reduce the property value for Monica G. Griffin Trust from \$742,800 to \$653,800.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property value from \$742,800 to \$653,800 for Monica G. Griffin Trust.

Land Records Director Hoff presented a recommendation from the Assessor's Office to reduce the property value for Ronald & Colleen Allen from \$588,500 to \$549,000. Property Appraiser Alden was called upon to review findings from the inspections & reassessment. The appellant Allen was present and reviewed the large changes in her property value. She stated that she appreciated the reduction presented but felt her property needed to be reduced more than that based on her research. She asked that her property be valued based upon her neighborhood and cost to build her home. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property value from \$588,500 down to \$505,000 for Ronald & Colleen Allen.

Land Records Director Hoff presented a recommendation from the Assessor's Office to reduce the property value from \$140,800 to \$134,400 for Mark Burmeister. Property Appraiser Alden was called upon to review findings from the inspections & reassessment. The appellant Burmeister was present and provided an appraisal that noted his property should be valued at \$118,000. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the request to reduce the property value from \$140,800 down to \$120,000.

Jackie Garnatz, Spring Valley, present at the meeting, requested the Board to review and reduce her property value, noting that the valuation increased from \$91,000 to \$103,000. After discussion, it was determined that her property would need to be visited to determine the valuation.

Mark Hobert, Jordan Township, was present. Hobert requested to reduce the property value of his bare land property. There was discussion of the land being in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Managed Forestland Program. It was noted that the increase in his value was based on the land sales report that was provided in the packet.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Dahl, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request from Mark Hobert.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Dahl, the Board voted unanimously for a continuation of the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting, set to reconvene on Tuesday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization of Fillmore County reconvened pursuant to MN Statutes on this 25th day of June 2019 at 9:00 a.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, Coordinator/Clerk; Brian Hoff, Land Records/Assessor; Cynthia Blagsvedt, Assessor; Kevin Olson, Social Services Manager; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Jessica Erickson, Public Health Director; Kevin Beck; Bonita Underbakke; and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

Commissioner Bakke called to order the continuation hearing for Board of Appeal and Equalization at 9:04 a.m. June 25, 2018.

Land Records Director Hoff provided the suggested adjustment to Jaqueline Garnatz property 36.0162.030. Hoff is recommending an adjustment of \$12,100.

Commissioner Bakke asked if the process is different from prior years, noting that in past years very few changes were made and the Board has never seen this number of appellants. It was noted by Land Records Director Hoff that it could vary.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the adjustment of \$12,100, reducing the property value from \$103,000 down to \$90,900.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Dahl the Board of Appeal and Equalization was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.