

**BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION  
JUNE 14, 2016  
OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 at 4:05 p.m. with Auditor Kirk Peysar, County Assessor Mike Dangers, County Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Anne Marcotte, Brian Napstad, County Administrator Nathan Burkett, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

Staff present – Darcy Moore, Lori Tibbetts, and Stacy Westerlund

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried (6-0), to approve the BAE agenda.

Oath, Introduction and General Information

The following persons appeared, wrote letters, or telephoned regarding appeal and equalization of property:

**George and Deborah Carlberg**

29-0-040300

Information presented: Feels value is too high because it didn't sell after being listed for 60 to 90 days.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (5-1 Niemi) to vote no change, as recommended by the County Assessor.

**Galen Tveit**

50-0-035700, 50-0-038900, 50-0-040301

Information presented: Requests reduction in value due to inability to use portion of land since drainage ditches are clogged.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by County Auditor Peysar and carried (6-0). All voted to reduce land value from \$299,800 to \$287,600 (\$12,200) as recommended by the County Assessor.

50-0-041501

Information presented: Requests the property be classified as agricultural since the mill is being used for personal use.

Action: No action was taken, as the owner stated that although he now uses only his own trees, he does continue to sell lumber.

**Michael & Denise Hoffman**

11-1-125000

Information presented: Owners purchased parcel in 2016 for less than the EMV, it was on the market for 9 months, and has a steep bank to the water with no landing between hill and lake. Owners would like a distress adjustment of \$85,300 in land valuation.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried (4-2 Napstad/Westerlund) to vote no change as recommended by the County Assessor.

**James and Rosemary Jessen**

24-0-037000

Written appeal.

Information presented: Purchase price and appraisal value are lower than the EMV.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (6-0). All voted no change, as recommended by the County Assessor.

**Ronald and Darlene Smith**

29-0-009301

Written appeal.

Information presented: 2016 valuation was increased in part due to a neighboring sale. Owner feels property is inferior to the neighboring sale.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by County Auditor Peysar and carried (6-0). All voted no change, as recommended by the County Assessor.

**Richard Resch**

29-1-503700

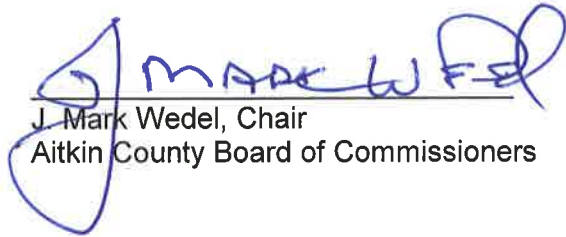
Part of Lot 1, Block 1 of Spielhaus Addition

Assessor Recommendation.

Information presented: Extent of elevation previously not realized by Assessor.


Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (6-0). All voted to reduce 2016 EMV from \$170,800 to \$159,800 (\$11,000), as recommended by the County Assessor.

Motion by County Auditor Peysar, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m.



J. Mark Wedel, Chair  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Kirk Peysar  
Aitkin County Auditor

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