

**Martin County Board of Equalization**  
**June 18, 2013**  
**Martin County Courthouse-Board Room**

Chairman Elliot Belgard called the meeting of the County Board of Equalization to order at 6:30pm. Board members present were: Steve Pierce, Steve Flohrs, Dan Schmidtke, Steve Donnelly, and James Forshee. Staff present was: Dan Whitman, County Assessor, Mike Sheplee, Deputy Assessor, Deb Eversman, Appraiser, Joyce Eisenmenger Appraiser, and Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator (Board of Equalization Recorder). Also, present were Jennifer Brookens, Sentinel, and one member of the public Tom Mahoney (Fairmont, MN).

All members signed the oath for Board of Equalization. The Chair reviewed the agenda, along with the listing of recommended changes to estimated market values for various properties as recommended by the County Assessor.

Chairman Belgard stated that the meeting is to consider appeals of property valuations for assessments and asked the County Assessor to give an overview of the meeting.

Chairman Belgard opened the meeting to appellants present

Doug Hilgendorf, Fox Lake Township, parcel #06.023.0200 stated that the property has recently been assessed as Commercial property and should be considered Agriculture due to the fact he processes his own grain on the property.

Schmidtke inquired when the change in classification was made.

Whitman stated in the year 2012 for taxes payable in the year 2013. Whitman stated that we believe the appropriate classification of commercial is the correct classification and should not be changed.

After further discussion,

Motion by Flohrs seconded by Schmidtke, due to the information presented, hereby revise the classification for assessment purposes for parcel 06.023.03200 from a Commercial classification to Agriculture classification for assessment purposes and directs the Assessor to revise the property evaluation accordingly. Carried unanimously.

Neil Devries presented an appeal stating that he believed the value placed on parcel # 23.169.0290 of \$97,200 is too high, presenting information on what he believed were comparable properties. Devries stated that Mr. Sheplee, Deputy Assessor had looked at the property in early April 2013

Sheplee stated that after reviewing the property, there were some issues with the property that warranted lowering the estimated value to \$91,300.

After further discussion,

Motion by Pierce, seconded by Donnelly, due to the information presented by the appellant Devries regarding parcel #23.169.0290, hereby adjust the estimated market value from \$97,200 to \$85,000 and direct the Assessor's office to make the adjustments accordingly to the aforementioned parcel. Carried unanimously.

Jason Harris was present to request that he believed that the estimated market value of parcel #23.161.0200 in the amount of \$149,800 should be lowered; stating that the house is in need of remodeling and does not believe he could sell it as is for the current EMV of \$149,800.

Whitman stated that the Assessors staff had gone to the residence recently and due to the condition of the interior is proposing to reduce the estimated market value to \$130,000.

Pierce stated that the adjustment was lowered to \$130,000. No further action taken by the board.

Charles Raforth was present stating that he had bought a parcel next to his existing property in 1961-parcel #23.153.0150 and that should not be valued as separate parcel.

Whitman recommended that there be no change made to the estimated market value.

After further discussion, the Board took no action on the request.

Chairman Belgard asked if there were any further appeals or written appeals. There were none.

Whitman presented and reviewed the remaining listing of parcels, which included parcels from the appellants that were present today, and recommended that the Board order the changes as recommended, with exception of parcels the Board has already acted on.

**(Insert Listing)**

After further discussion, the Board took the following action.

Motion by Pierce, seconded by Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Board of Equalization, hereby approve the recommended adjustments to the following parcels as recommended (insert listing). Carried unanimously.

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Forshee, seconded by Flohrs to adjourn the Board of Equalization. Carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

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Elliot Belgard, Board Chairman

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Attest: Scott Higgins, MartinCounty Coordinator