

**BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**  
**JUNE 12, 2012**  
**OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012 at 4:05 p.m. with Auditor Kirk Peysar, County Assessor Mike Dangers, County Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Brian Napstad, Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Patrick Wussow and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

Staff present – Karen Ladd, Tom Burman, Jim Hicks, Darcy Moore, Lori Tibbetts, Stacy Westerlund, and Rebecca Trapp

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all voting yes to approve the BAE agenda.

Introduction and General Review of 2012 Assessment

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

**William (Bill) Kangas**

Numerous

Information presented: Would like the gun range noise valuation circle reconsidered. Feels there are no sales to prove a reduction is necessary.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried. All voted no change.

**Denny Solsvig representing Denny's Lakeview Inn, LLC**

09-1-101101

Information presented: Believes taxes are too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted no change.

**Theodore and Patricia Skaff**

16-0-044901

Information presented: Owner purchased property for less than what was valued, so wishes to have his property valued at what he paid for it.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried. All voted no change.

**Charles Hawkinson**

08-0-025900

Information presented: Feels valuation is too high, and property should qualify for class 2e and Aggregate Resource Preservation Program.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad to reduce 2012 assessed value to \$25,000.00. Roll call vote. Motion carried (4-2 Marcotte/Westerlund)

**Charles Hawkinson – Gun Lake Sand & Gravel**

08-0-023001, 08-0-024200, 08-0-024300,  
08-0-025800, 08-0-025901, 08-0-025902,  
08-1-064600

Appeal was withdrawn.

**Linda Farah**

22-0-046002

Information presented: Concerned because after purchasing land from neighbor, the per acre value increased.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi to reduce 2012 assessed value to \$24,600.00. Roll call vote. All voted yes.

**Keith Nentl**

56-1-012600

Information presented: Valuation of parcel is too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted yes to reduce land value to \$55,000.00 and building value to \$100.00 for a total 2012 assessed value of \$55,100.00.

**Dennis Kohlgraf**

30-0-012800

Information presented: Valuation too high due to gun range noise.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund to reduce 2012 assessed value to \$108,166.00. Roll call vote. Motion carried (5-1 Marcotte).

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to reassess all residential homestead residences in Aitkin County within ¼ mile of gun range for 2012 assessed values.

**Clifford Grulke**

53-0-019402

Information presented: Valuation is too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried. All voted yes to correct land typing which results in a \$500 reduction of Estimated Market Value for a final Estimated Market Value of \$40,300.00 as recommended by the County Assessor.

**Martin Wellens**

41-0-059201

Information presented: Feels value too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted no change.

**Christopher Worms**

39-0-060900

Information presented: Feels value too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried. All voted no change.

**Dennis Tennison**

06-0-006200

Information presented: Wants an appropriate amount of acreage deducted for Loon Avenue (CR #65) right of way.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to change acreage deduction for row from 2 ac to 3 ac, giving a total estimated market value reduction of \$400.00, to \$228,500.00 as recommended by the County Assessor.

**Cliff & Michelle Nelson**

02-0-051302

Information presented: Requesting agricultural homestead classification be reinstated.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried. All voted to classify as agricultural homestead as recommended by the County Assessor.

**Robert & Marilyn Feero**

56-1-134100

Information presented: Concerned Estimated Market Value too low.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried. All voted to increase Estimated Market Value to \$122,800.00 as recommended by the County Assessor.

**Steve Slette**

09-0-051402

Information presented: Glen Township Local Board of Appeal and Equalization increased number of gravel pit acres from 1 to 7.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried. All voted to reduce gravel pit acres to 2 acres for the 2012 assessment as recommended by the County Assessor.

**Patricia Peters**

11-0-064410

Information presented: Valuation too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried. All voted no change as recommended by the County Assessor.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Kirk Peysar  
Aitkin County Auditor

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