

**BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION  
JUNE 13, 2017  
OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 at 4:12 p.m. with Auditor Kirk Peysar, County Assessor Mike Dangers, County Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Anne Marcotte, Bill Pratt, County Administrator Jessica Seibert, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

Staff present – Lori Tibbetts

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, to approve the BAE agenda.

Oath, Introduction and General Information

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

**Loren and Jodie Miller**

29-1-139100 and 29-0-032904

Information presented: Property was purchased in 2016 for \$300,000 in an arm's-length transaction. They feel assessed value and sales ratio are too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to reduce the value of 29-1-139100 by \$15,000.

**Ronald and Darlene Smith**

29-1-490000 & 29-0-009301

Written appeal.

Information presented 29-1-490000: Owners are comparing taxes assessed and the assessed market value to the neighboring lot that they feel is superior to theirs.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to reduce the 2017 assessed market value from \$147,100 to \$132,600, as recommended by the County Assessor.

Information presented 29-0-009301: 2016 valuation was increased in part due to a neighboring sale. Owners feel property is inferior and the valuation is too high.

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

Motion by County Auditor Peysar, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all  
members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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J. Mark Wedel, Chair  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Kirk Peysar  
Aitkin County Auditor

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