

**BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION  
JUNE 12, 2018  
OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018 at 4:10 p.m. in Courtroom 3 of the Aitkin County Courthouse with Auditor Kirk Peysar, County Assessor Mike Dangers, County Commissioners Anne Marcotte, J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, County Administrator Jessica Seibert, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

Staff present – Lori Tibbetts and Stacy Westerlund

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, to approve the BAE amended agenda. Charles and Debra Siebert, 07-0-012804 were added to the agenda.

Oath, Introduction and General Information

The following property owners were present:

**Charles and Debra Siebert**

07-0-012804

Information presented: New owner purchased this property for \$100,300. The original 2018 assessment was \$247,400. Farm Island BAE reduced the value to \$231,000. This is a unique situation. We cannot match their purchase price. The Assessor has no recommendation.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried. All voted to reduce the value of the 2018 Estimated Market Value Assessment to \$219,100.

The County Assessor presented the following recommendations to the Board:

**Alec and Kimberly Gorjestani**

11-0-005000, 11-1-076601 & 11-1-076602

Information presented: The owners paid \$215,000 for this property in 2017. They had a private appraisal done that shows a value similar to what they paid. Based on this information, they feel the property is overvalued. Hazelton Township BAE lowered the value to \$303,300 knowing that further research and value changes may be brought to the County Board.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried. All voted to lower the valuation to \$255,400, as recommended by the County Assessor.

**Kevin Peterson**

07-0-017401

Information presented: New owner of this residence is on the Farm Island Township Board therefore needs to appeal to the County Board. Residence is in need of repair, more on interior than exterior, so Assessor's Office was not aware of the condition.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried. All voted to reduce the valuation to \$127,900 as recommended by the County Assessor.

Motion by Auditor Peysar, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

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Anne Marcotte, Board Chair  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Kirk Peysar  
Aitkin County Auditor

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