PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

June 15, 2004

The Board of Appeal and Equalization of Roseau County, Minnesota, met in the County Board room in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota, on Tuesday, June 15, 2004. County Auditor Anne Granitz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Commissioners Orris Rasmussen, Russell Walker, Alan Johnston, and Mark Foldesi, and County Auditor Anne K. Granitz. Absent was Commissioner J. C. Stone. Also present were County Assessor James Hanson, taxpayer Dorothy Monsrud, and members of the media.

After members signed the official oath of the Roseau County Board of Appeal and Equalization, Auditor Granitz asked for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Walker nominated Commissioner Rasmussen. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote that Commissioner Rasmussen shall hereby serve as Chairman of the 2004 Roseau County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Chairman Rasmussen presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Walker nominated County Auditor Anne Granitz to serve as Clerk. Commissioner Johnston seconded the nomination. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote that nominations cease and that County Auditor Anne Granitz shall hereby serve as Clerk of the 2004 Roseau County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote that the County Board of Appeal and Equalization Agenda be approved as written.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote that the proceedings of the June 17, 2003, meeting of the Roseau County Board of Appeal and Equalization be approved as printed.

There was no correspondence received from taxpayers.

Taxpayer Dorothy Monsrud met with the Board regarding her former home and property that was damaged by the 2002 flood. Assessor Hanson informed the Board that Mrs. Monsrud had not met with her Local Board of Appeal and Equalization; therefore, no official action regarding her property value could be taken at the county level. Mrs. Monsrud explained that her former home contains a zero value due to the flood damage; however, there is a value of $2,800 on her three acres. She informed the Board that FEMA has assigned a $200 per acre value on this land. Assessor Hanson stated that when Mrs. Monsrud submits the FEMA paperwork stating this lesser value on her land, the assessor will then decrease the land value on Mrs. Monsrud's tax parcel when the next assessment is completed. There was no formal action taken by the Board.

Assessor Hanson presented copies of information regarding market values, net tax comparisons, farmland averages, and taxable value percentages for school districts and Roseau County.

Assessor Hanson informed the Board that he will be retiring at the end of July 2004. The commissioners and Auditor Granitz complimented Assessor Hanson on his fine work. Since few applications for the position of assessor have been received thus far, a letter describing the assessor position opening and the Roseau County area will be written by Coordinator Teresa Harren and Assessor Hanson; and the letter will be sent to Minnesota accredited assessors.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that no changes are necessary in the assessments of real estate or in the assessments of personal property for payable 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said assessments be and are hereby approved.

Assessor Hanson and the Board discussed the "local assessor" versus "county-appointed deputy assessors" options for assessing. This matter will be addressed further when and if there are not a sufficient number of accredited local assessors in Roseau County.

There being no other business to bring before the Board, Chairman Rasmussen declared that the County Board of Appeal and Equalization is hereby adjourned sine die at 9:43 a.m.

Attest:

Anne K. Granitz

Anne K. Granitz, Clerk
County Auditor

Approved: Date June 14, 2005

Orris Rasmussen

Orris Rasmussen, Chairman
Commissioner, District 3