

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY
BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
OF MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA,
AT ITS REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING
June 17, 2025

The Board of Appeal and Equalization of Mower County, Minnesota, convened their annual session in the Commissioner's room of the Mower County Government Center at Austin, Minnesota, at 6:30 p.m. on June 17, 2025.

The following members were present and subscribed to the Oath of the Board of Appeal and Equalization: Chair Polly Glynn, Vice-Chair Dan Sparks, Mike Ankeny, John Mueller, Jerry Reinartz and County Auditor-Treasurer Scott Felten.

Also Present: County Administrator Matthew Verdick; Mower County Assessor Michael Harvey; Property Appraisers Renee Thorpe, Mike Kellar, Fran Bekaert, Jack Anderson; Executive Assistant Denise Barthels.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair called the meeting to order and Executive Assistant Denise Barthels administered the oath to the Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair asked for the **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**. County Assessor Michael Harvey presented his report which included information pertaining to Value Changes from 2024 to 2025 in the categories/classes of agricultural/rural, residential, apartments/mobile home parks, commercial and industrial. The estimated market values (EMV) are as of January 2, 2025 for taxes payable 2026. Among all classes of EMV the gross change over 2024 values was an increase of 6.87% (net change 6.29%). The entire Assessor's report is available at the County Assessor and County Administration offices.

APPEALS

Mike Merten appeared before the Board to appeal the estimated market value on parcel 02.017.0056. Mr. Merten was informed that he was unable to make an appeal before the County Board of Appeal and Equalization due to the fact that he did not first attend his local Board of Appeal.

Assessor staff provided the Board with information pertaining to an appeal following the local Board of appeal made by SMN Holdings LLC d/b/a Catherwood House regarding the 2025 value on parcel 34.105.1770. Staff reviewed the property and recommends reducing the value from \$269,000 to \$205,200.

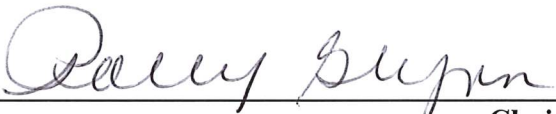
Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to decrease the 2025 value on the SMN Holdings LLC d/b/a Catherwood House parcel 34.105.1770 from \$269,000 to \$205,200. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to accept the report of the Assessor. Motion carried.

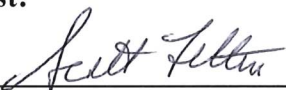
Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the minutes of today's meeting subject to review and approval of the chair. Motion carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

THE BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

BY: 
Chairperson

Attest:

By: 
County Auditor-Treasurer