

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY
BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
OF MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA,
AT ITS REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING
June 16, 2026

The Board of Appeal and Equalization of Mower County, Minnesota, convened their annual session in the Board room of the Mower County Government Center at Austin, Minnesota, at 6:30 p.m. on June 16, 2026.

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

Also Present: County Administrator Matthew Verdick (remotely); Mower County Assessor Michael Harvey; Property Appraisers Renee Thorpe, Mike Kellar, Fran Bekaert, Jack Anderson; Deputy County Administrator Valerie Sheedy, Executive Assistant Denise Barthels. County Recorder Sara Madison and Assessor Technicians

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 Glynn, 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 2025 to 2026 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, 2026 for taxes payable 2027. Among all classes of EMV the gross change over 2025 values was an increase of 3.93% (net change 3.44%). The entire Assessor's report is available at the County Assessor and County Administration offices.

APPEALS

Scheduled appellant Lincoln Highway, LLC Parcel 34.521.0120 did not appear.

Isaac Stromlund appeared before the Board to appeal the estimated market value on parcel 34.390.0050.

Doran Kasel appeared before the Board to appeal the estimated market value on parcels 10.033.0010, 10.034.0050, 04.030.0011, 01.005.0065, 01.005.0066, 01.005.0084, and 01.005.0086.

Assessor Recommendations

Assessor staff provided the Board with information pertaining to an appeal following the local Board of Appeal made by John & Dawn Mueller regarding the 2026 value on parcel 16.025.0060. Staff reviewed the property and recommends reducing the value from \$284,200 to \$258,500.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to accept the assessor's recommendation based on parcel review to decrease the 2026 value on the John & Dawn Mueller parcel 16.025.0060 from \$284,200 to \$258,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor staff provided the Board with information pertaining to an appeal received during open book made by John Sampson regarding the 2026 value on parcel 17.033.0041. Staff reviewed the property and recommends reducing the value from \$1,874,200 to \$1,864,900.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to accept the assessor's recommendation based on parcel review to decrease the 2026 value on the John Sampson parcel 17.033.0041 from \$1,874,200 to \$1,864,900. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor staff provided the Board with information pertaining to an appeal received during open book made by Wade Schulz regarding the 2026 value on parcel 17.025.0030. Staff reviewed the property and recommends reducing the value from \$501,000 to \$482,200.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Scott Felten, to accept the assessor's recommendation based on parcel review to decrease the 2026 value on the Wade Schulz parcel 17.025.0030 from \$501,000 to \$482,200. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor staff provided the Board with information pertaining to an appeal received during open book made by Evan Holst regarding the 2026 value on parcel 07.029.0010. Staff reviewed the property and recommends reducing the value from \$2,309,400 to \$2,277,500

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to accept the assessor's recommendation based on parcel review to decrease the 2026 value on the Evan Holst parcel 07.029.0010 from \$2,309,400 to \$2,277,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor staff provided the Board with information pertaining to an appeal received during open book made by Mallissia & Leann Barber regarding the 2026 value on parcel 25.003.0170. Staff reviewed the property and recommends reducing the value from \$77,800 to \$65,300.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Scott Felten, to accept the assessor's recommendation based on parcel review to decrease the 2026 value on the

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Mallissia & Leann Barber parcel 25.003.0170 from \$77,800 to \$65,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor staff provided the Board with information pertaining to an appeal following the local Board of Appeal (and included with Mr. Kasel's walk-in appeal today) made by Doran Kasel regarding the 2026 value on parcel 10.033.0010. Staff reviewed the property and recommends reducing the value from \$2,187,500 to \$2,156,000.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to accept the assessor's recommendation based on parcel review to decrease the 2026 value on the Doran Kasel parcel 10.033.0010 from \$2,187,500 to \$2,156,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to table a decision on Isaac Stromlund's appeal regarding the 2026 value on parcel 34.390.0050 to a reconvened County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting with the date and time to be set by separate action. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Scott Felten, to deny Doran Kasel appeal of 2026 property value changes on parcels 10.034.0050, 04.030.0011, 01.005.0065, 01.005.0066, 01.005.0084, and 01.005.0086. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to rescind the previous motion to table action on the Isaac Stromlund appeal to a reconvened County Board of Appeal and Equalization. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to decrease the 2026 adjusted property value on the Stromlund parcel 34.390.0050 from \$322,400 to \$268,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to accept the report of the Assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to adjourn the County Board of Appeal & Equalization at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

THE BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

BY: _____

DAN SPARKS

Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____

County Auditor-Treasurer