

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following commissioners present: Commissioners Oslin, Peterson, Reynolds, Tellinghuisen and Whitcomb.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE THE AGENDA (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS)

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

REGULAR AGENDA

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Introductions were made by the commissioners. County Administrator Dillon Hayes presented information regarding the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

Jeff Pohl, a resident of Mille Lacs County with an address of 6320 190th Street, Milaca, voiced concern about how the budget and property values are making property taxes unaffordable.

Jason Friechels, a resident of Mille Lacs County with an address of 1815 Lakeshore Drive, Wahkon, voiced concern regarding the increase in property value.

Tony Pohl, a resident of Mille Lacs County with an address of 12300 250th Street, Milaca, voiced concern about a significant increase in land value.

David Patten, a resident of Mille Lacs County with an address of 3604 85th Avenue, Princeton, voiced concern regarding the increase in land value and frustration with the process of contesting property valuation, and questioned lawsuit payments and the likelihood of the continuation of these costs as well as the cost of providing services to the non tax-paying residents.

Tim Tomsche, a resident of Mille Lacs County with an address of 15265 20th Street, Princeton, requested an update on County Ditch 1 and expressed concern regarding the increase in land value.

Thomas Lenzmeier, a resident of Mille Lacs County with an address of 14046 250th Street Milaca, voiced concern regarding the increase between land and property tax-increase, and questioned why we have to pay for out of-home placements for non-tax-paying residents.

Darrel Vettters, a resident of Mille Lacs County with an address of 424 2nd Street Milaca, voiced concern regarding the increase in vacant land property value.

Jennie Toberman, a resident of Mille Lacs County with an address of 3272 60th Avenue Princeton, voiced concern regarding the increase in vacant land property value.

Mary Roelofs, a resident of Mille Lacs County with an address of 12156 80th Street Princeton, asked a question regarding what having the second-highest tax rate in the state means and why that is the case.

Mike Steinbrink, a resident of Mille Lacs County with an address of 4503 Baxter Road Princeton, thanked the Board for holding the meeting held at night and expressed a desire for evening meetings in the future, going on to urge the Board to consider property tax affordability in setting the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and

unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.