

WILKIN COUNTY
TRUTH-IN-TAXATION MEETING
December 3, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners held at the Courthouse, Breckenridge, Minnesota, on Thursday, December 3, 2009. All Commissioners were present. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the State mandated Truth-in-Taxation meeting to discuss the 2010 County budget and payable 2010 County levy. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. There were two (2) members of the general public in attendance.

The County Auditor presented the budget and levy information, which proposed a 17.7% budget increase and a 5% levy increase when compared to 2009 numbers. Brief discussion followed.

The County Auditor informed those attending that the County has received the Department of Revenue certification of the County general and special levy requests. A portion of a special levy for Family Services was not approved because the program will be fully funded by the State. With that, the over all County levy will be reduced and presented to the County Commission for adoption at the December 15, 2009, meeting.

The general public in attendance were asked to present questions. One individual questioned the valuation of a parcel owned by him. He was advised to question the County Assessor at his earliest convenience.

A second individual questioned as to why his farm property taxes had increased by a very large percentage. During discussion, it was learned that the individual had moved residence from the farm property to the city and was no longer the farm operator. Therefore, the property was reclassified as non homestead property. This individual was directed to the County Assessor for a detailed explanation on the difference in the two classifications.

With no further questions regarding the budget and levy, the Truth-in-Taxation for payable 2010 was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Lyle Hovland
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
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