

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
Special Meeting
September 8, 2011

Minutes of the Board of Wilkin County Commissioners held at the Courthouse, Breckenridge, Minnesota, on Thursday, September 8, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss four (4) items which required Commissioner attention prior to the regular meeting on September 11, 2011. All Commissioners were present. Chairman Folstad called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.

Cheryl Wall, County Assessor, reviewed the Market Value Exclusion feature which replaces the Market Value Credits that were eliminated by the Minnesota State budget settlement. The change results in the fact that the State of Minnesota will no longer provide market value credits to homestead property to reduce the tax paid by the taxpayer. The exclusion feature will reduce the amount of market value on which the parcel's tax capacity is calculated for homestead parcels.

Representatives for Great Plains Natural Gas presented a request to be allowed to proceed with a service line project, without having to obtain a variance to the County's ordinance. After review and discussion with County officials, motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Hovland and carried, to allow the request with the condition that Great Plains contact County residents within the affected area regarding the project and to provide documentation to the County Zoning Officer evidencing those contacts.

The resulting numbers from the budgets proposed during the budget meetings were reviewed by the Commissioners. After much discussion, Commissioner consensus was that they could not remain as proposed. Several solutions and/or combination thereof were discussed. The County is required to set a preliminary proposed budget and levy by September 15, 2011, with a final budget and levy set by December 15, 2011. The proposed budget and levy may not be increased after September 15, 2011, however, it may be reduced prior to the date when the final levy must be set. No action during this meeting.

Chairman Folstad closed the regular meeting at 9:30 A.M. to discuss contract negotiation and a personnel issue.

The regular meeting was re-opened with no action taken as a result of the closed meeting.

With no further business before the Commission for this meeting, Chairman Folstad adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

Neal Folstad
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
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