

**Wilkin County
Truth-in-Taxation Meeting
December 5, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

Minutes of the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners held at the Courthouse, Breckenridge, Minnesota, on Thursday, December 5, 2013. Commissioners Miranowski and Hovland were absent. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a truth-in-taxation meeting to discuss the 2014 County Budget and payable 2014 tax levy. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blaufuss at 6:30 P.M. There was one member of the public present.

After the Chairman's opening statement, the county resident present indicated his issue involved his values and was then advised to talk to the County Assessor.

The County Auditor presented the budget and levy information, which indicated a proposed 2014 budget amount of \$16,723,599.00 which represented a 38% increase in spending over 2013. A greater portion of the 38% budget increase is funded by additional budgeted revenues and the use of current available funds (reserves). This allows the proposed 2014 levy to be \$7,215,925.00 or a 4.75% increase over 2013.

The Commission then discussed the Sales Tax issue and the estimated amount spent in 2012 (\$109,959.00) and how that estimated savings would impact the County since beginning in 2014 counties would be exempt from certain sales tax.

With no further business before the Commission regarding the budget and levy, Chairman Blaufuss adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

John Blaufuss
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(Seal)