

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
GOVERNMENT CENTER MEETING ROOM A
JUNE 16, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

The Pennington County Board of Appeal and Equalization met in Meeting Room A of the Pennington County Government Center in Thief River Falls, MN, on Monday, June 16th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Seth Nelson, Bruce Lawrence, Neil Peterson, Roy Sourdif, David Sorenson, County Auditor-Treasurer Jennifer Herzberg. Members absent: None.

Also present: County Assessor Carl Bruzek, County Coordinator Kevin Erickson.

The members of the Board of Appeal and Equalization were sworn in by Interim County Attorney Nathan Haase and signed the Official Oath of Office, which is on file in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

Commissioner Sourdif was appointed Chairman of the meeting and called the meeting to order.

County Assessor Carl Bruzek noted that property owner Tim Kern contacted the county today to withdraw his appeal, so he will not meet with the Board of Appeal & Equalization.

Chris Anderson and Richard Anderson were on the agenda at 6:15 p.m. but did not appear at the meeting.

Mr. Bruzek noted that the State of MN held their Board of Equalization and the Commissioner of Revenue issued orders for commercial property values in the City of Thief River Falls to increase 10% and residential, along with seasonal residential recreational non-commercial, values in Norden Township to increase 5%. Mr. Bruzek noted that the increase to commercial values also affects how the State calculates railroad, utility, and pipeline values.

Mr. Bruzek noted that 12 of the 21 Pennington County townships and the City of Goodridge still have a formal Board of Appeal & Equalization.

The County Assessor then reviewed the actions taken by the Township and City Board of Appeal and Equalization meetings, the tillable section averages, and the township average values.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, that the real and personal property values as returned by the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meetings and submitted by the County Assessor be accepted and approved. Motion unanimously carried.

Carl noted that the wooded and waste acre land values have increased. He noted that combination of wooded and tillable land is currently selling at high values.

Motioned by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to adjourn the County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Herzberg, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Roy Sourdif, Chairman
Board of Commissioners