

**BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**  
**June 16, 2014**

The Big Stone County Board of Appeal and Equalization met in the Commissioner's Room at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 16, 2014. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Berning, Sandberg and Wulff present. Commissioner Athey was absent. Also present were Martha Croatt, Richard Mueller, Appraiser Janet Messmer, County Assessor Sandy Vold, County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed and the Oath of Office was duly administered to the members of the Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Assessor Vold stated the purpose of the meeting and then asked Mr. Mueller and Ms. Croatt to address the Board. They expressed their concerns stating that they feel their property is being devalued as a result of others not following the County's zoning rules as well as other issues. Mr. Mueller showed pictures of alleged damage to his property and wants to know who is going to be held responsible for maintenance and damages. They stated they would appreciate any help the Board could give them. Then they left the meeting.

Following discussion, motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the County Assessor to send a letter to Ms. Croatt and Mr. Mueller acknowledging that they expressed their concerns and that it is outside the scope of this meeting and this Board.

Assessor Vold reported that no other appointments had been scheduled and asked if there were any questions on the sales data that had been distributed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to adopt the following resolution:

**2014-14**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 274.13 requires that the County Board of Appeal and Equalization shall equalize the assessment of the property of the County; and WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Board of Appeal and Equalization has examined and compared the returns of the assessment of property as prepared by the County Assessor.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the valuation of all remaining property located in Big Stone County not previously considered by this Board, be ordered approved and equalized as presented by the County Assessor.

There being no further business before the Board of Appeal and Equalization, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor