

The Traill County Board of Equalization came to order on June 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Thomas Eblen, Kurt Elliott, Ken Nesvig, Larry Young and Les Amb. Also present were Kayla Knudson, Tax Director; Michelle Mooney, Assistant Tax Director; Mel Carson, Appraisal Services; Brian Field, Crown Appraisals; Curt Zerface, District Conservationist NRCS-Hillsboro; Keith Anderson, Soil Survey Leader NRCS-Fargo.

A group of concerned tax payers were also present to discuss the proposed increases in their properties and questioned the officials on the process of the values.

Speaking individually, (1) Michael Anderson discussed the increase to his grain bin and questioned using commercial values vs. residential. The bin was damaged in a storm. Anderson replaced the bin using the same concrete base but all new bins. Knudson explained the bins are situated within a commercial district and the percentage cannot be changed to residential. (2) David Knudsvig discussed several of his properties have a substantial increase questioning the tax process. Curt Zerface & Keith Anderson, both with NRCS explained the process of using the productivity index. The County controls the modifiers and the rest is what we are given by the State & NDSU. The crowd was informed that changes would have to come from the State level.

The Traill County Board of Equalization recessed at 9:38 a.m. to meet again on June 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The Traill County Board of Equalization reconvened on June 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with all Commissioners present. Also attending were Kayla Knudson, Tax Director, tax payers: Ray Zajac and David Knudsvig. Knudsvig spoke again stating that the Productivity Index is skewed. Knudson explained that all are welcome to voice their opinion at the State Equalization Meeting which will be held on August 14, 2018.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Elliott and carried to leave the values that have been placed on the 8 soil dispute properties as is.

On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig to accept the 2018 valuations as presented by Kayla Knudson, Tax Director and equalized by the Traill County Board of Equalization. Motion carried.

<u>Townships</u>	<u>True & Full Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Taxable Value</u>
Belmont	23,246,826	11,623,418	1,144,641
Bingham	25,914,436	12,957,225	1,289,040
Blanchard	32,882,362	16,441,185	1,632,282
Bloomfield	34,335,601	17,167,813	1,691,092
Bohnsack	31,000,781	15,500,395	1,537,661
Buxton	24,664,453	12,332,241	1,219,582
Caledonia	27,815,807	13,907,906	1,367,318
Eldorado	79,068,445	39,534,230	3,934,854
Elm River	23,607,577	11,803,793	1,177,397
Ervin	36,186,656	18,093,334	1,772,959
Galesburg	24,880,148	12,440,077	1,232,174
Garfield	35,164,456	17,582,241	1,713,191
Greenfield	27,330,356	13,665,183	1,360,102
Herberg	29,502,289	14,751,146	1,465,766
Hillsboro	58,591,446	29,295,732	2,903,450
Kelso	30,061,853	15,030,932	1,494,233
Lindaas	35,827,644	17,913,827	1,771,507
Mayville	36,365,731	18,182,870	1,785,361
Morgan	27,850,336	13,925,176	1,373,185
Norman	24,361,229	12,180,618	1,208,456

Norway	32,084,256	16,042,145	1,571,667
Roseville	31,037,150	15,518,579	1,538,874
Stavanger	36,715,614	18,357,818	1,815,517
Viking	35,531,352	17,765,687	1,710,421
Wold	28,507,851	14,253,932	1,411,177
Total Townships	832,534,655	416,267,503	41,121,907

<u>Cities</u>	<u>True & Full Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Taxable Value</u>
Buxton	19,896,547	9,948,276	900,003
Clifford	4,282,568	2,141,285	210,514
Galesburg	7,339,497	3,669,750	353,661
Grandin	2,223,225	1,111,615	111,163
Hatton	33,317,303	16,658,655	1,493,755
Hillsboro	90,237,717	45,118,860	4,102,289
Mayville	85,230,207	42,615,104	3,849,545
Portland	30,097,023	15,048,517	1,343,874
Reynolds	13,448,967	6,724,485	594,377
Total Cities	286,073,054	143,036,547	12,959,181
Grand Totals	1,118,607,709	559,304,050	54,081,088

The Grand Total Taxable Value (listed above) includes the 86 Homestead Credits in Taxable Value Totaling \$214,851 and the 59 Veterans Exemptions in Taxable Value Totaling 228,866.

The Traill County Equalization Board adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, County Auditor

Larry Young, Chairman