

The Traill County Commissioners came to order in **special budget hearing on September 8, 2021**, at 6:30 p.m. with all members present. Also attending the meeting: Edith Anderson, Jeff Kuntz and Court Hanson.

The purpose of the special meeting was to answer any questions property owners have concerning the estimated tax statements that were out end of August.

Jeff Kuntz: Questioned the 7-9 ½ % increase to his property. Also had question concerning the drains that are added to tax statements.

Court Hanson: Questioned the 12% increase to his property. Questioned the modifiers and how do we work with the state to correct the issues.

Edith Anderson: Didn't have any specific questions concerning her taxes but did agree the taxes have increased over the years, however she questioned why she would have to pay Hillsboro Airport Authority taxes when she lives in Wold Township. Glenda Haugen, Auditor explained that all Traill County property owners pay for this tax, except for Hillsboro City and Mayville City residents because they levy for their own airport.

A breakdown of the County mills levied over the past 3 years compared to the current estimated mills were handed out. The county levy has fluctuated between 37.66 in 2018, 40.43 in 2019 and 26.80 in 2020. The estimated mills for 2021 is estimated at 42.24. The County has tried to keep the mills even but explained we have levied extra funds with the possibility of purchasing a building to house our Social Service Department. If the purchase does not go thru, the funds can be removed from the levy. All changes/adjustments to the budgets have an October 10, 2021, deadline, which is set by the State Department.

A letter was received from Mary K. Adams from Moorhead, MN. Ms. Adams owns property in Elm River Township and is questioning the high taxes assessed to her property. A letter will be sent to Ms. Adams.

Commissioners reviewed the 2022 budget submitted by the departments. Budgets will be finalized on October 5, 2021.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Kurt Elliott, Chairman