

**Board of Equalization
Watab Township
April 29, 2009**

The Board of Equalization was called to order at the Watab Town Hall by Board Chair Ed Kacures Jr. on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 2:30pm. Board members present were Ed Kacures Jr., Craig Gondeck, Lloyd Erdmann, Eileen Saldana, and Pat Spence. He turned the meeting over to Benton County Assessor Brian Koester. He explained that they are to be close to 100% of market values, and his office monitors sales compared to values. If they are within 90% of the value compared to sales, they do not need to make any adjustments. Some homes were lowered due to normal depreciation. The legislature has made a major change in Green Acres and eliminated limited market values. Otherwise, there have been minor changes in Watab Township.

R12.00149.00—Norma and Merlin Reberg: Merlin said it has a historic shack on the property and is an unbuildable lot. Brian recommends no change here but that he research the deed and correct dimensions on the county records before the county board meets. Brian will contact Merlin to verify the size and department of development to determine if it is buildable. He recommends no change at this meeting.

R12.00072.00--Marion Berger said she was here for the same reason as last year. Her parents' names Henry and Phyllis Frerich are still listed as owners, but Dr. Charles Ehlen says he owns it. It has never been recorded in his name at Benton County. The county attorney has not gotten back to her, so she is going to put the 20 acres up for sale. The county attorney has the responsibility to handle the issue. There is no action required.

R12.01535.00—Paul & Michelle Jacobs in Norway Pines Estates. Lot 4, Block 1: There was an adjustment made. The house was built in 2004. The adjustment is coming in because of the fire next door. The land value was lowered due to taking the premium off the golf course. Brian will do future research on all the properties near the golf course. At this time, he does not have enough information to make an adjustment, but he believes they should be consistent within the development. He recommends no change at this meeting.

Supervisor Gondeck asked about the value on the King's Inn property, which will be auctioned in June. Brian could not access the information. Supervisor Gondeck offered to contact those who need to file for homestead status.

12.00591.00—Stephen J. Cekalla & Susan M. Moore in Bianga's subdivision: \$223,300 to \$226,000. There were two small sheds and a porch that has been finished that the previous assessor did not catch. Brian recommends taking it back down to \$222,600 due to depreciation.

Supervisor Gondeck made a motion to approve the County Assessor's recommendations; motion was seconded by Supervisor Erdmann; Supervisor Kacures asked about follow up process. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence