

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS & EQUALIZATION
JUNE 16, 2025 6:00 P.M.
BECKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present Commissioners: David Meyer, Phil Hansen; Erica Jepson; Barry Nelson; Mary E. Hendrickson, Auditor-Treasurer, Lee Brekke, County Assessor and Carrie Smith, County Administrator.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Meyer at 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Oath of Office was administered by Auditor-Treasurer Mary E. Hendrickson.

County Assessor Lee Brekke presented a list of the recommended changes to the board for the 2025 assessment, for taxes payable in 2026.

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| 1. Recommend reduction for clerical errors | \$3,259,800 |
| 2. Local board & open book reductions | \$4,042,200 |
| 3. County Board reductions | \$ 345,800 |
| Total amount of value reductions | \$7,647,800 |

Motion by Jepson, Second by Hendrickson to approve the assessor 2026 value corrections.

Savannah Twp will receive a State Board order of:

5% Reduction on Residential Land & Structures

5% Reduction on Seasonal Recreation Non-Commercial

The following parcels were reviewed:

1. 35-121,35-122,35-125,35-126,35-130 Corcoran Farms LLLP Agricultural classification Five Parcels
Mr. Corcoran stated the value was too high, local board stated no change. Discussion on ag value increases countywide. Motion by Jepson, Second by Hansen for no value change, motion carried.
2. 06.0626.009, 06.0624.000 Homestead classification Two Parcels
Mr. Costello stated the value on his lake lot should be reduced because it is sometimes underwater.
Mr. Brekke stated the site value was split between the house and the lake access, he could combine the lots to receive only 1 tax statement, but it would not reduce the value. Motion by Jepson, Second by Hansen to concur with Assessor recommendation, motion carried.
3. 18.0005.001 Residential Homestead classification One parcel
Mr. Crabtree requests a reduction in value. County Assessor recommends lowering the land and building value after review by \$84,200 to \$599,500. Motion by Nelson, second by Jepson, motion carried.
4. 19.0491.000 Residential Homestead Classification One parcel
Mr. Christian stated his value increase was too high. County Assessor recommends lowering the building value after reviewing by \$35,200 to \$703,800. Motion by Hansen, Second by Jepson, motion carried.

5. 27.0032.000 Seasonal Recreational Residential One parcel
Mr. Hart sent a letter stating his value was too high. The local assessor reviewed and advised no change. Motion by Hendrickson, Second by Jepson, to concur with assessor recommendation, motion carried.
6. 27.0039.000 Residential Non-Homestead One parcel
Mr. Harms requested his value be lowered, local board reduced the value by 26,300, the County Board reduced the building value another 23,900 for a new value of 815,000. Motion by Nelson, Second by Jepson, motion carried.
7. 27.0197.511 Seasonal Recreational Residential One parcel
Mr. Gill stated his value is too high due to an unfinished basement. Assessor recommends to reduce by 143,100 for a new value of 976,900. Motion by Jepson, Second by Nelson, motion carried.
8. 02.0101.000 Residential Homestead classification One parcel
Ms. Swenson requested an adjustment to the basement square feet. Assessor recommend reducing the value by 59,400 for a new value of 642,200. Motion by Hansen, Second by Jepson, motion carried.

Discussion on class 2a value increases, Mr. Brekke had two sales in Riceville Twp. that showed 2a agricultural land values are less than the current values. Board decided to wait on any changes to see if the trend continues.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Mary Hendrickson
Auditor-Treasurer