

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—DECEMBER 7, 2006  
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the annual Truth in Taxation Hearing. The meeting was held in the Commissioner's Room, 300 N State St., Waseca, MN. Commissioners present were Rick Morris, Chairperson; Richard Androli, Jim Peterson and Al Ruhland. Wendell Armstrong was absent.

Others present were Bruce Boyce, Coordinator; Joan Manthe, Auditor; several department heads, employees and about 30 citizens.

Rick Morris, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was held in memory of the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack of Pearl Harbor.

The chair stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss only the 2007 proposed budget and 2007 proposed levy for Waseca County. He then called on Bruce Boyce, Coordinator, to present the proposed budget.

Bruce Boyce showed a short video on "Fourteen Reasons Why Property Taxes Vary from Year to Year". He then presented an overview of the county's 2007 proposed budget discussing both income and expenses. The budget is proposed at \$26,437,381 and the tax levy at \$9,338,640.

After the presentation, the Chair opened the meeting to questions and comments from the public. Some of the questions are as follows:

- What triggers the Assessor's office to make market value changes
- Could Waseca City and Waseca County share law enforcement costs
- If we levy once for an expense, why doesn't levy go down next year
- Has the county looked at all options for the Human Services Building
- Concern about added new costs—he wants to be able to afford to live in Waseca County
- Question about Economic Development Loan to New Richland restaurant
- Question about Clear Lake Drive and Trail and federal grant
- Staffing and public health needs
- Citizen spoke in support of South Country Health Alliance
- More comments on Clear Lake Trail and federal grant money

After all comments were heard, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Rick Morris, Chairperson  
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Joan Manthe  
Waseca County Auditor

