

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—DECEMBER 6, 2007
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2007 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 Richard Androli, Jim Peterson, Dan Kuhns, Al Ruhland and Rick Morris.

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

Richard Androli, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Richard Androli stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2008 proposed budget and levy for Waseca County. He then called on Bruce Boyce, Coordinator, to make his presentation.

Bruce Boyce began by showing a video on "Fourteen Reasons Why Property Taxes Vary from Year to Year." Bruce then gave an overview of the County's 2008 proposed budget of \$25,198,296 and the proposed levy of \$10,101,975. This is a 10.9% increase over 2007.

After the presentation, questions and comments began.

Ron Purcell, representative from Soil & Water, explained that Todd was hired by a grant and the grant is about to expire. He requests extra funding requested for Todd to remain at Soil & Water.

Marv Kanne asked a question about an upcoming trial and connected expenses.

Marv Kanne questioned the Green Acre Law. Waseca County is not involved. The assessor was present and explained the difference between the green acre value and market value.

Marv Kanne is concerned about the total cost of the Clear Lake project. Bruce stated the project is not complete on the financial side yet. At present, the cost is \$270,000 below the budget. Nathan Richman, Highway Engineer, also responded on several items—many personnel changes during the project and also having the expense of hiring outside firms to complete the needed work.

There being no further comments, the board thanked the citizens for being present. The budget and levy will be adopted on December 18, 2007 at the regular commissioner meeting.

Kuhns moved and Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Richard Androli, Chairperson, Waseca
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Joan Manthe, Waseca County Auditor