

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—DECEMBER 4, 2008  
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2008 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 Dan Kuhns, Chairperson; Jim Peterson, Al Ruhland, Rick Morris and Richard Androli.

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

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

The Chairperson stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2009 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 2009 proposed budget of \$22,566,705 and the proposed levy of \$10,412,677. This is a 5.0% increase over 2008.

The chairman opened the meeting to questions.

- Cost of living for employees?? Answer is a 3% increase.
- Nick Wagner, new homeowner, questioned why his tax had increased by 28%. The Coordinator suggested he see the County Assessor.
- Marvin Kanne, landowner, talked about a 9% increase in his county taxes and felt the 5% increase of county levy over last year was not the truth.
- A discussion was held regarding the new sales tax increase.
- \$21.00 fee for Solid Waste was questioned.
- Does Waseca County have some defective bridges? The engineer answered that we have some small bridges that are in medium bad shape.

There being no further questions, Ruhland moved and Androli seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The levy will be set by the board at their regular meeting on December 16, 2008.

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Dan Kuhns, Chairperson  
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Joan Manthe  
Waseca County Auditor