

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met for their 2008 Equalization Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at approximately 6:45 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and excused. Comm. Wallace.

A salute to the flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no minutes to approve.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved as presented.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) Marquette County Equalization Director, Dwight Sunday, presented the recommended Tentative 2008 Assessed, Equalized and Taxable Valuations for Marquette County. Mr. Sunday explained that when he began as Equalization Director eight years ago, the Assessed Value of Marquette County was approximately 1.4 billion dollars. The Assessed Value for 2008 is \$2,478,598,720. The **Tentative** Taxable Value of Marquette County is \$1,783,219,215, an increase of \$80,013,806. The law states that the Taxable Value is not certified until May 1st (**As of May 1<sup>st</sup> - \$1,783,218,918.00**). Negaunee City will receive a factor in their Commercial Class of 1.056225. This was due to a misunderstanding with the software vendor.

Mr. Sunday and Commissioners discussed foreclosures (which are occurring unfortunately at Sawyer), and questions regarding the specific ore tax published price.

Comm. Pellow explained that the law states the price is set by the Township Supervisor. Commissioners requested that Mr. Sunday inquire what published price the Townships are using in setting the specific tax rate (.75 or 1.1), and report back to the County Board.

Mr. Sunday stated that the calculations between the local unit of government and C.C.I. are confidential.

Comm. Corkin commented on litigation in Canada regarding published price. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the Canadian arbitration has not yet been solved, but will keep the County Board updated.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote the County Board approve the attached 2008 Assessed, Equalized and Taxable Values for Marquette County as presented by Dwight Sunday, Equalization Director.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

There being no further business to come before the County Board Equalization Session, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
County Clerk

