

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS & EQUALIZATION
JUNE 15, 2026 6:00 P.M.
BECKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

County Assessor Lee Brekke did a presentation on changes to the board for the 2026 assessment, for taxes payable in 2027 there were no State mandated changes from Department of Revenue.

1. Recommend reduction for corrections	\$ 224,300
2. Local board & open book reductions	\$ 980,900
3. County Board reductions	\$ 399,600
Total amount of value reductions	\$1,604,800

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

The following parcels were reviewed:

1. 06.0033.001 Agricultural classification One parcel
Mr. & Mrs. Johnson have had a bee farm for 40 years. County Assessor removed the agricultural classification in error, reinstate the ag class. Motion by Nelson, second by Meyer, motion carried.
2. 10.0300.004 Homestead classification One parcel
Mr. Tyge went to local board and wants his son's trailer moved, appears on GIS map to be on his property. Assessor recommended no change, Motion Nelson, Second Meyer to concur with no change.
3. 18.0203.000, 18.0213.000, 18.0216.000 Agricultural with Green Acres credit Three parcels
Mr. Lindstrom is requesting his Green Acres credit be restored for 2 years, due to still qualifies for program. Motion Nelson, Second by Meyer to reinstate his Green Acres credit, motion carried.
4. 10.0084.004 Residential Homestead Classification One parcel
Jennifer Kanzler stated the value increase was too high. County Assessor recommends lowering the building value from \$848,600 to \$722,700. Motion by Hansen, Second by Nelson, motion carried.
5. 50.0190.000 Residential Homestead One parcel
Mr. Flemmer stated his value was too high. Letter from Frazee City was reviewed, the local assessor reviewed and advised reduction from \$410,500 to 300,000. Motion by Nelson, Second by Meyer, motion carried.
6. 27.0197.511 Seasonal Recreational Residential One parcel
Mr. Gill stated his value is too high due to a 2025 adjustment not carried forward. Assessor recommends reducing from \$1,035,600 to \$872,400. Motion by Hendrickson, Second by Nelson, motion carried.

Assessor and board members will review properties. and board will reconvene June 23, 2026 at 9:00 am.
Meeting recessed at 9:00 pm

Mary Hendrickson
Auditor-Treasurer

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JUNE 23, 2026 9:00 A.M.

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

The County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Hansen at 9:00 a.m.

1. 03.0089.000 Homestead Mr. Kujawa feels value too high. Local Assessor recommends reduction on structures of \$28,600, reviewed by Brekke & Hansen. Motion by Hansen, Second by Nelson to reduce value to \$520,700 for 2027 tax year.
2. 06.0970.547 Seasonal Mr. Holland feels value too high. Brekke and Nelson reviewed and reduced the grade to be comparable with the rest of the development. Motion by Nelson , Second by Meyer to reduce value by \$64,700 for a taxable value of \$684,200.
3. 10.0433.000 Homestead Ms. Taylor feels value too high. Brekke & Hansen reviewed and concur with assessor to reduce buildings by \$60,600. Motion by Hansen, Second by Meyer for new value of \$347,200.
4. 16.0208.003 Homestead Mr. Lahlum says his value is too high. Brekke & Hansen reviewed and are recommending no change. Motion by Hansen, Second by Meyer to set 2027 value at \$606,400.
5. 17.0877.000 Mr. Mathson feels value is too high. Brekke & Nelson reviewed and recommend \$11,900 reduction due to depth adjustment. Motion by Nelson, Second by Meyer for a 2027 value of \$480,800.
6. 17.0878.000 Mr. Mathison feels value too high. Brekke & Nelson reviewed and recommend a 25% reduction due to sewer system. Value reduced to \$177,700. Motion by Nelson, Second by Meyer.
7. 21.0330.001 Mr. Saarinen feels value too high. Local assessor reviewed and reduced home value by \$11,800 for a taxable value of \$595,600. Motion by Nelson, Second by Meyer to concur with assessor.
8. 49.0705.607 Mr. French feels value is too high. Brekke & Meyer reviewed and recommend to lower finished basement by \$13,100. Motion by Meyer, Second by Hendrickson for a total value of \$469,700.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am

Mary Hendrickson
Auditor-Treasurer