

**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes**  
**April 30, 2001 - Special Meeting**  
**Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Robert Lacinski called the April 30, 2001 Special Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:30 a.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Cmr. Herl

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL:**

Present: Cmr. McNitt, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Beardslee, Day & Lacinski. Absent: Cmr. Mahoney-Sherrod, Rice, Adams, Thulin, and Brittain.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*Moved by Day, supported by Herl to approve the agenda as published.* Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**County Affairs**

*Moved by Day, supported by Reynolds to recommend to the full Board, the acceptance of the 2001 Equalization Report.* Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

*Moved by Day, supported by Baum to approve the 2001 Equalization Report for submission to the State.*

Roll call: (10) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Day expressed his concern over, what seemed to him, to be an excessive allotment to Agriculture. Beardslee echoed that concern.

Liz Pulley, Director of the Equalization Department explained that, although she was not here in 1991, that these present numbers include all new construction, houses, pole barns, etc. Building costs have been going up and supply and demand is driving land value up. The transition from agricultural to housing is not necessarily reflected. Herl asked if Equalization keeps track of the change from Agricultural to Residential. They do not.

Day agrees that acreage being developed should be assessed higher, but working farms should not be included.

DeForest indicated that she owns a farm and the equalized value has doubled. She thinks it's just catching up with the equalized value of the land.

Day said that if the cost of the products farmers were producing were increasing at the same rate, they could afford it, but right now it's a losing battle.

Baum pointed out that when land is sold, the adjacent property is assessed the same. There should be another factor.

Ms. Pulley indicated that there has been legislation passed that allows the taxable value to remain capped if the purchaser remains agricultural.

DeForest thinks that Region II would have the statistics of farms that are no longer working farms.

Chet indicated that the Land Use Study would include an aerial view that would show an agricultural overlay with the changes that could be used for comparison.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

*Moved by Beardslee, supported by DeForest to adjourn to the call of the Chair.* Motion carried.

The April 30, 2001 Special Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Sandy Crowley - Jackson County Clerk

Robert Lacinski-Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners  
Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk