Traverse County Commission
Board of Equalization Meeting
June 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Jerrel Olson. Other Commissioners present included Dwight Nelson, Mark Gail and Kayla Schmidt. Others present included County Assessor Kayla Kleindl, Deputy Assessor Nick Rasmussen, and County Coordinator/Deputy Auditor Lisa Zahl. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was no conflict of interest. The agenda was approved unanimously upon a motion by Gail and seconded by Schmidt.

Schmidt and County Auditor/Treasurer Kit Johnson have taken the Board of Appeals & Equalization Training, and they are trained through July 2026. Kleindl's recommendation is for all the Commissioners to complete the training before February 1, 2027.

Kleindl distributed a packet with 2025 and 2026 sales information. There were no changes to land values. Rural residential increased an average of 25%, seasonal rec increased an average of 14% and commercial increased an average of 10%. There were no State Board ordered changes for the 2026 assessment. The sales information is available to the public on the County website. Property information is now available on the tax web.

Kleindl gave a department update. She informed the Board that she will be attending a 2-year Department of Revenue pilot education program. Only twelve Assessors were chosen from those who were nominated. Nick Rasmussen, Deputy Assessor, obtained his CMA license and will be taking courses this year to continue working towards fulfilling his AMA course requirements. The Assessors Office signed a 3-year contract with the City of Wheaton to do the assessing. Leonardsville Township is still pending to see if they can find a local Assessor. Property inspection and appraisal notices are being sent to all homes within their annual quintile inspection along with a home assessment questionnaire to fill out and return. The primary goal of the Assessors' Office is to make everything fair and equitable, maintain accurate assessment records, and promote public trust in the assessment process.

There were no scheduled appellant presentations.

Olson adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Attested to by:

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Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator Jerrel Olson, Chairman