

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES - SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – TRUTH AND TAXATION MEETING
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, MARSHALL, MN
December 5, 2002

Truth in taxation hearing called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Fenske. Members present: Buysse, Fenske, Nelson, Gladis, and Goodenow. Also present were County Administrator Greg Lewis, County Auditor/Treasurer Paula Van Overbeke, County Assessor Dean Champine, Public Works Director Anita Benson, Joel Dahl, Sheriff's Department, County Attorney Rick Maes, LLM Human Services Director Chris Sorenson, and Ardis Hendriksen on behalf of LLMP Public Health Director John Schuh. Citizens addressing the Board were Wally Fisher, John Feda, and Margaret Barker.

Overbeke and Champine provided an overview on the financial handouts provided as part of the hearing.

Discussions ensued with the following topics addressed:

Use of reserves, reserves not being utilized for jail, past State actions to take back reserves from school districts, the projected State budget shortfall, its affect on counties, criticism toward the Expo project, explanation of special levy to address the Expo financial impacts, intergovernmental revenues, fines, miscellaneous revenues, special assessment for household hazardous waste, tax shifts among the residential, agricultural, and commercial sectors, homestead and ag credits, law enforcement center, jail costs, medical examiner costs, commissioner salaries, retiree benefits, school district bonding, signage project, parks and recreation, airport setback, state mandates, and homeland defense.

Buysse moved, seconded by Gladis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Robert Fenske, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Gregory D. Lewis
County Administrator