



Resolution
of the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Louis County, Minnesota
Adopted on: May 10, 2011 Resolution No. 268
Offered by Commissioner: Raukar

WHEREAS, assessing property values is an essential component of Minnesota's property tax system, with property assessments defining the tax base and consequently who pays what share of the overall property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners believes that the county's property valuation system must be constructed to be timely, uniform, and fair for all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order to establish a solid foundation for the future, the St. Louis County Public Records and Property Valuation Director and the County Assessor recommend that the St. Louis County Board establish a "Blue Ribbon" Assessment Practices Review Panel to examine current county assessment functions and develop a five year strategic plan to build upon a county-wide assessment strategy that is timely, uniform, and fair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the establishment of a "Blue Ribbon" Assessment Practices Review Panel charged with completing a thorough countywide analysis of property assessment functions, and preparing a comprehensive strategic plan for presentation to the County Board by December 1, 2011, that will construct a timely, uniform, and fair property valuation model for St. Louis County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Assessment Practices Review Panel will consist of fourteen (14) members representing various regions and jurisdictions within St. Louis County, with each commissioner appointing one member, and another seven (7) members appointed by the County Board as "At-Large" members.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Assessment Practices Review Panel will be co-chaired by members chosen from the northern and southern parts of St. Louis County and will be provided with staff assistance, mileage and meal reimbursement at the conus rate, and will conduct regular meetings rotating between the north and south halves of the county.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the following individuals are appointed by the St. Louis County Board to the "Blue Ribbon" Assessment Practices Review Panel:

Commissioner Appointees:

Commissioner Jewell	District 1:	John Heino	Duluth, MN
Commissioner O'Neil	District 2:	John Gellatly	Duluth, MN
Commissioner Dahlberg	District 3:	John Vigen	Duluth, MN
Commissioner Forsman	District 4:	Roger Skraba	Ely, MN
Commissioner Sweeney	District 5:	Jim Aird	Proctor, MN
Commissioner Nelson	District 6:	Dawn Cole	Eveleth, MN
Commissioner Raukar	District 7:	Frank Bigelow	Hibbing, MN



At-Large Appointees:

Jan Jackson	Kelsey, MN
Bruce Sandberg	Hibbing, MN
Rick Pulek	Virginia, MN
Steve Abrahamson	Tower, MN
Jerry Palmquist	Chisholm, MN
Jim Fisher	Zim, MN
Fran Hubert	Hermantown, MN

Commissioner Raukar moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas – Commissioners Jewell, Dahlberg, Forsman, Sweeney, Nelson, and Raukar - 6

Nays – None

Absent – Chair O’Neil - 1

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of County Auditor, ss.
County of St. Louis

I, **DONALD DICKLICH**, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 10th day of May, A.D. 2011, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 10th day of May, A.D., 2011.

DONALD DICKLICH, COUNTY AUDITOR

By

Deputy Auditor/Clerk of County Board