



## SCOTT COUNTY TAXATION DEPARTMENT

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RE: 2010 Property Assessment

Dear Property Owner,

We would like to inform you that Scott County has recently contracted with your Township to take over the primary assessing duties. In recent years, St. Lawrence, Blakeley, and Belle Plaine Townships had contracted with a local assessor to complete their assessments. Among other duties, it is the job of the assessor to conduct field inspections of 1/5 of all property in the jurisdiction each year, review all building permits, to properly classify property in accordance with state law, and to estimate property values.

During the summer of 2009, Scott County conducted an extensive review of each and every parcel located within these three jurisdictions. For certain properties, we found inconsistencies between existing property data and the information that was gathered throughout the review process. County property records have been updated, and all inconsistencies found have been corrected for the January 2, 2010 assessment. As a result of this review, changes to property value may not necessarily reflect market condition adjustments. Inevitably, we found that some properties require a decrease in value, while others will increase in value. Any and all changes were made in the interest of a fair and equitable assessment.

In a few weeks, you will receive a 2010 Notice of Valuation and Classification which will affect taxes payable in 2011. Valuations will not be finalized until just before they are mailed out. When you receive this notice, please carefully review it and call our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Bethke  
Certified Minnesota Assessor  
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