

MINUTES

April 11, 2008

The scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Equalization Board was called to order this 11th day of April, 2008, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Office Building by Chairman Waldo Blanton. Roll was called by Tammy Howard, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Waldo Blanton, Chairman
Charles Thompson, Vice-Chairman
Pat Ross, Member
Tammy Howard, Secretary

Others present: Denise Heavner, County Assessor and David Batton, Assistant District Attorney, BJ Ragland, Larry Hutchins, Millis Farnam and Virginia Farnam.

After the reading of the minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2008, and there being no additions or corrections, Pat Ross moved that the minutes be approved. Charles Thompson seconded the motion.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Pat Ross, yes.
Motion carried.

Chairman Blanton moved, seconded by Pat Ross, to table Item #a - William H. Kitz, 13704 S.E. 126 Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73165 for 15-10-1W 5 + AC Prt NE/4 Beg E 1173.6 SW/C NE/4 E293.4 N742.5 W293.4 S742.5 POB and Item #f - Smith Living Trust (Robert & Joyce Smith), 9450 72nd Street, Noble, OK 73068 for SE/4 6-7-1W.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Pat Ross, yes.
Motion carried.

Chairman Blanton called for Widgeon, LLC, 2424 W. Main Street, Norman, OK 73069 for Part of Lot 1, Block 1, MCNB.

Mr. Larry Hutchins addressed the Board stating this parcel of land was a creek bed they had acquired from McClain National Bank to put in a drainage culvert and build a roadway to cross for zoning requirements. After the construction is finished and the roadway is no longer needed they will dedicate the parcel to the City of Norman. Since it was just a creek bed, McClain National Bank sold it to them for a dollar and some how it got valued at something greater than that. The taxes came in at \$1,028.27 and are requesting this be reduced to something more reasonable.

Denise Heavner responded stating they agreed there is a different use for the property than what they had assumed. The Assessor's Office has no problem with putting a nominal assessment on the property.

David Batton, Assistant District Attorney, asked if he could get a copy of a letter of dedication from Mr. Houchins that the City of Norman would take the property?

Mr. Hutchins replied yes.

Charles Thompson moved, seconded by Chairman Blanton, to change the valuation to \$1.00.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Pat Ross, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Blanton called for Item #c - Millis & Virginia Farnam, 35959 Hwy. 99A, Seminole, OK 74868 for Lot 11, Block 60, South Gate and Item #d - Virginia Farnam (Stalcup), 35959 Hwy. 99A, Seminole, OK 74868 for Lot 13, Block 75, South Gate.

Mr. Millis Farnam addressed the Board stating his valuations keeping going up and causing financial hardship for him.

BJ Ragland addressed the Board explaining how the Assessor's Office arrived at his valuations.

Chairman Blanton moved, seconded by Pat Ross, to keep the assessments the same.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Pat Ross, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Blanton moved, seconded by Charles Thompson, to strike from the agenda Lonnie Darrin & Julia A. Donaldson, 212 S. Wyndemere Lakes Drive, Moore, OK 73160 for Lot 10, Block 1, Wyndemere.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Pat Ross, yes.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Blanton moved that the meeting be adjourned. Pat Ross seconded the motion.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Pat Ross, yes.

Motion carried.

(Clerk's note the agenda was posted on 4-07-08 @ 3:41 p.m.)