

## MINUTES

April 23, 2008

The scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Equalization Board was called to order this 23rd 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, David Tinsley, William Kitz, Joyce Smith, Abdual Bari, Mark Barton, Todd and Melody Thompson.

After the reading of the minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2008, and there being no additions or corrections, Chairman Blanton moved that the minutes be approved. Pat Ross seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Blanton called for 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.

Mr. William Kitz stated his address was 13704 S.E. 126<sup>th</sup> Street and the County had maintained this road for the last 20 years and they stop maintaining it. Mr. Kitz went on to say the road had deteriorated since then to a single path road. Mr. Kitz also went explaining to the Board the problems with the road. Mr. Kitz further explained a former employee of the Assessor's Office named Heather had flagged all the properties for the values not to go up because of the problems. Mr. Kitz also stated the value had been raised and would like to see it go back down to \$49,000.00, that Heather had set it at.

Denise Heavner asked Mr. Kitz if he had received the Senior Freeze?

Mr. Kitz replied yes he had.

Denise Heavner asked if he was frozen this year?

Mr. Kitz replied yes.

Denise Heavner stated he was frozen at \$51,470.00 and she wanted to make him aware he was not being taxed at the \$57,997.00 figure. Ms. Heavner also stated Mr. Kitz would remain at the \$51,470.00 as long as he lived there.

BJ Ragland stated there was an adjustment on this because of the condition of the road and also stated you could not freeze a value on a property forever because of that.

Mr. Kitz repeated Heather had flagged the accounts.

Ms. Ragland explained to the Board and Mr. Kitz how they arrived at the figures the Assessor's Office did.

Charles Thompson moved, seconded by Chairman Blanton, to change to \$50,000.00.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Blanton called for Smith Living Trust (Robert & Joyce Smith), 9450 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Noble, OK 73068 for SE/4 6-7-1W.

Joyce Smith addressed the Board stating she felt her property was valued too high.

BJ Ragland explained to the Board and Ms. Smith how they arrived at those figures.

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

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Blanton called for items a, b & c together, item #a - Saeed Bari, 5424 Hollybrooke Lane, Oklahoma City, OK 73135 for Lot 1, Block 1, Gateway Garden, item #b - Saeed Bari, 5424 Hollybrooke Lane, Oklahoma City, OK 73135 for Lot 2, Block 1, Gateway Garden and item #c - Saeed Bari, 5424 Hollybrooke Lane, Oklahoma City, OK 73135 for Lot 3, Block 1, Gateway Garden.

Mr. Abdul Bari asked the Board if he could speak in behalf of his son Saeed Bari.

Chairman Blanton asked Mr. Bari to proceed.

David Tinsley explained to the Board how the Assessor's Office arrived at their figures.

(Clerk's note tape was not audible.)

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

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Blanton stated they would move item #d to the last item on the agenda.

Chairman Blanton called for Todd & Melody Thompson, 5600 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, N.E., Norman, OK 73026 for NE/4 6-9-1W.

Melody Thompson addressed the board explaining they had built this home themselves and the problems they were having with a tower that was built on the property next to theirs. Ms. Thompson also presented to the Board pictures of her property.

BJ Ragland explained to the Board how they arrived at their figures.

Charles Thompson moved, seconded by Chairman Blanton, to change to \$190,000.00.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Blanton called for Mark & Pamela Barton, 14901 S.E. 134<sup>th</sup> Street, Newalla, OK 74857 for 14-10-1W, TR 1, Maple Ridge Estates.

Mr. Mark Barton addressed the Board stating he did not understand how the Assessor's Office arrived at their valuation.

BJ Ragland explained to the Board how they arrived at their figures.

Denise Heavener explained to Mr. Barton about bond issues that had passed in the City of Moore and how it affects the property taxes.

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Charles Thompson moved, seconded by Chairman Blanton, to keep the same.  
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 4-16-08 @ 7:09 p.m.)