

**EQUALIZATION BOARD OF CLEVELAND COUNTY
MINUTES**

May 24, 2012

The meeting of the Cleveland County Equalization Board was called to order at 8:45 a.m. this 24th day of May, 2012, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Office Building by Chairman Waldo Blanton. Tammy Howard, County Clerk/Secretary, called roll and those present were:

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

Others present were: Rod Cleveland, Assistant District Attorney David Batton, County Assessor David Tinsley, Billie Jo Ragland, Daniel Jenkins, Brittney Marshall, Victor Aktansel, Cherry Welch, Nolan Williams, Page Kutait, Jerry Wisdom, H. Rainey Powell, Caren K. Thurston, Mark Miller, Dani Stuart, Dani Brown, Mark Hamm, C. Ross Hughes and Peggy Laizure.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Pat Ross, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 26, 2012.

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

Appearing before the Board, Victor T. Aktansel said the workshop next door to him lowered his property value from \$154,833 to \$124,000. Daniel Jenkins said the item came before the Board last year and that with landscaping; the building looks nicer this year than last. He also said the building was not a workshop with a lot of truck traffic. He thinks it was built to store a boat.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Pat Ross to deny the protest.
The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Pat Ross, yes.
Motion carried.

Appearing before the Board, Cherry Welch, said that 3 to 3 and one-half of her 7.01 acres was in a flood plain and would impact the value if she tried to plat it and there had been a decline in real estate in the area. Billie Jo Ragland said some areas are steady, some are down, and some are up and the property was comparable with other properties that had recently sold. Welch said Highway 9 was expanding and would be at her back door. Ragland said they would look at her property again when that happened. Charles Thompson said he couldn't find any justification to lower the assessment.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Charles Thompson, to deny the protest.
The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Pat Ross, yes.
Motion carried.

Appearing before the Board, Nolan Williams, representing Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., and Jerry Wisdom, representing the County, reached an agreement with a the inventory sheet and agreed on an assessed value of \$60,000.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Charles Thompson, to also accept the \$60,000 assessed value.

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

Motion carried.

Nolen Williams told the Board, the property owned by Seneca Oil Co. on south Meridian, was just a junk yard and the articles there were being readied for scrap. Sometimes equipment is brought there for one or two days to be cleaned and sand blasted. Jerry Wisdom said much of the equipment was new or was in good condition and was easily worth more than \$4 million.

The Board recessed at 9:25 a.m. for the Tax Roll Correction meeting.

The Board reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

After more discussion, Charles Thompson moved, seconded by Pat Ross, to lower the assessment of Seneca Oil Co. to \$3.5 million.

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

Motion carried.

At the request of H. Raney Powell, Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Pat Ross, to strike items g. and h. -- 211 W. Boyd, Norman, OK 73069, #R0101252; and 566 Buchanan, Norman, OK 73069, #R0037962, from the agenda.

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

Motion carried.

After much discussion between H. Raney Powell and Deputy County Assessor Brittney Marshall, Charles Thompson said he would like to see Raney and the Assessor work out the assessment and suggested action be tabled.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Charles Thompson, to table assessments on the following properties:

- a. Powell, H. Raney, 763 Asp, Norman, OK 73069, #R0038000;
- b. Powell, H. Raney, 761 Asp, Norman, OK 73069, #38001;
- c. Powell, H. Raney, 573 S. University Blvd., Norman, OK 73069, #R0037961;
- d. Powell, H. Raney, 225 W. Boyd, Norman, OK 73069, #R0037996;

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

Motion carried.

Charles Thompson moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton to approve the Homestead Exemption Applications.

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

Motion carried.

Charles Thompson moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to approve the Applications for Five-Year Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

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

Motion carried.

There was no New Business to come before the Board.

There was no Miscellaneous Discussion.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Pat Ross moved at 10:31 a.m. to adjourn. Waldo Blanton seconded the motion.

(Clerk's note: Agenda was posted May 22, 2012 at 1:51 p.m.)