

# **EQUALIZATION BOARD OF CLEVELAND COUNTY**

## **MINUTES**

**May 15, 2014**

The scheduled special meeting of the Cleveland County Equalization Board was called to order this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014 at 9:00 a.m., in the conference room of the Cleveland County Office Building by Chairman Waldo Blanton. Tammy Belinson, County Clerk/Secretary, called roll and those present were:

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

Others present were: Assistant District Attorney Heather Darby, Linda Atkins, Mona Nelson, David Tinsley, Billijo Ragland, Mike Weddle, Russell Chronister, Brittney Marshall, Michelle Newburg, and Kelly Butts.

After the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2014 and there being no additions or corrections, Waldo 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.

### **A. Items of Business:**

1. Chairman Waldo Blanton called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on the following Letters of Protest:
  - a. Hans L. Abrahamsen Jr., 4112 Korie Circle, Moore, OK 73160, #148560, appeared for protest. Mr. Abrahamsen said that for whatever reason the assessed value is more for his little clubhouse than the building insurance appraisal. He said that there is no carpet or tile just a slab floor. He discussed the issues with flooding and the effects on his pool. Every time they get a good rain it costs him about \$200.00 for someone to come out and stabilize the pool. He said that structural issues will continue until he makes repairs. He said that the house is not all that nice; the location is the reason for purchasing the property.  
Billijo Ragland, Deputy County Assessor, said that Mr. Abrahamsen bought the property last year for \$325,000.00. If the cost to stop the flooding was factored in at \$8,500.00, it would lower it to \$316,500.00. It is assessed for \$297,660.00.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Pat Ross, that there be no change in the assessed value of \$297,660.00 for Mr. Abrahamsen, #148560.

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

- b. James J. Cheng, Trustees of the Kristin K. Cheng Revocable Living Trust dated 6/24/2005, 2417 Smoking Oak Road, Norman, OK 73072, #146440 said that his wife, Kristen could not be with him this morning. He received a notice in February indicating that the assessed value had increased from \$389,991.00 in 2013 to \$526,063.00 in 2014. He said that it is understandable due to the purchase price of \$500,000.00 and remodel to the property. He paid a premium due to sentimental reasons and explained that the remodel was primarily cosmetic and did not affect its market value. Remodeling was more than \$100,000.00, but believes that the assessed value is approximately \$458,820.00. This is a figure he derived from neighboring properties' 2013 tax information.

After a brief discussion, Charles Thompson moved that there be no change in the assessed value of \$526,063.00 for James J. Cheng, #146440.

The motion was seconded by Pat Ross.

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

- c. Upon receipt (May 12, 2014) of a written request to withdraw the formal protest filed for USA Compression Partners, by Rhonda Spitzer, Property Tax Assistant, K.E. Andrews & Company, Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Charles Thompson, to strike the following item from the agenda: “c. USA Compression Partners LLC, % K.E. Andrews & Co., 1900 Dalrock Rd, Rowlett, TX 75088, for Business Personal Property, #P0154088.”

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

2. Upon the recommendation of County Assessor David Tinsley, Waldo Blanton moved that the Homestead Exemption Applications be approved. The motion was seconded by Pat Ross.

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

3. Chairman Blanton called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to review, approve and/or disapprove Applications for Five-Year Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

County Assessor David Tinsley said that the exemptions that are currently in place all qualify from the standpoint of his office.

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

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

**B.** There were no **Board Members** Discussions about County Business.

**C.** No **public comments** were made.

**D.** There being no further business to come before the Board, Waldo Blanton moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 am. The motion was seconded by Pat Ross.

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

(Clerk's Note: Agenda was posted on May 09, 2014 at 9:35 am.)