

EQUALIZATION BOARD OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 02, 2015

The scheduled special meeting of the Cleveland County Equalization Board was called to order this 2nd day of February 2015 at 1:30 p.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
Larry Heikkila, Member
Tammy Belinson, Secretary

Others present were: Assistant District Attorney Jim Robertson, Assistant District Attorney Heather Darby, Linda Atkins and Mona Nelson.

After the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 26, 2015 and there being no additions or corrections, Waldo Blanton moved that the minutes be **approved**. Charles Thompson seconded the motion.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Larry Heikkila, yes.
Motion carried.

A. Items of Business:

1. Tammy Belinson, County Clerk, explained the status of the **Appointment/Loyalty Oath**. She said that Waldo Blanton's reappointment form was sent to the Tax Commissioner for a signature. She has received the signature from the Judges to appoint Larry Heikkila and Charles Thompson was appointed in the County Commissioner's Meeting prior to the Equalization Board meeting this 2nd day of February, 2015. Ms. Belinson presented Loyalty Oaths for their signatures. Assistant District Attorney Jim Robertson said that the four-year term is consistent with Commissioner's Districts #1 and #3 election cycle so the Board will not have to revisit this again until 2019.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Charles Thompson, to **accept the Appointment/Loyalty Oath** on Board Members.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Larry Heikkila, yes.
Motion carried.

B. Old Business:

1. Charles Thompson moved, seconded by Larry Heikkila, to **elect** Waldo Blanton as **Chairman** for 2015.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Larry Heikkila, yes.
Motion carried.

2. Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Larry Heikkila, to **elect** Charles Thompson as **Vice-Chairman** for 2015.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Larry Heikkila, yes.
Motion carried.

C. No New Business came before the Board for discussion.

- D. During Board Members** Discussions regarding County Business, Tammy Belinson went over the new procedure of signing affidavits as per Title 68 O.S., Section 2877 (E) 1. “In order to increase taxpayer transparency, a member of the board of equalization shall not directly or indirectly communicate with the county assessor or any deputy assessor or designated agent on any matter relating to any pending appeal before the board of equalization prior to the actual hearing.”

E. No public comments were made.

- F.** There being no further business to come before the Board, Waldo Blanton moved that the meeting be **adjourned** at 8:35 am. The motion was seconded by Charles Thompson.

The vote was: Waldo Blanton, yes; Charles Thompson, yes; Larry Heikkila, yes.
Motion carried.

(Clerk’s Note: Agenda was posted on January 29, 2015 at 10:14 am.)