

Beckham County Equalization Board  
Proceedings 2011

The Equalization Board met May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in room 101 of the Beckham County Courthouse, Sayre, Oklahoma.

Jimmy Taylor called the meeting to order. Those present were: Chairman, Jimmy Taylor; Member, Mike Blevins; Member, Ann Reeves; Assessor, Gayla Gillie; County Clerk, Leasa Hartman.

Motion made by Mike Blevins to approve minutes from June 17<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2010 meetings. Ann Reeves seconded the motion with Taylor, Reeves and Blevins voting aye.

Gayla Gillie, stated the following companies have filed for Freeport Exemption. She has made a recommendation for approval or denial as follows: Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc – Denied; Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. – Denied; Bar-S Foods – Approved; Austin Powder Co. – Approved; McJunkin Red Man Corporation – Approved. Mike Blevins made the motion to approve the above Freeport Exemptions as Gayla Gillie recommended. Ann Reeves seconded the motion with Taylor, Reeves and Blevins voting aye.

Gayla Gillie presented the board with applications from Bar S Foods, Nextera Energy Resources Elk City Wind, LLC for Five Year Exempt Manufacturing. Mike Blevins made the motion to approve applications by Bar S Foods and Nextera Energy Resources Elk City Wind. Ann Reeves seconded the motion with Taylor, Reeves and Blevins voting aye.

May 16th, will be the last day to accept Formal Appeal to the Board of Equalization. The board discussed a date for possible hearing date. Mike Blevins made the motion to set Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. as the first hearing date. Ann Reeves seconded the motion with Taylor, Reeves and Blevins voting aye.

A motion made by Mike Blevins to recess until May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Ann Reeves seconded the motion with Taylor, Reeves and Blevins voting aye.

May 31<sup>st</sup> 1:00 pm Reconvene Meeting

Ann Reeves was absent; she has resigned from the Equalization Board effective May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Louis J. Harding appeared before the board protesting the Assessor's market value of \$3,000.00 on property at Blk K, Lots 19-22 College Annex Erick, OK. Louis bought the property Oct. 5, 2010 at a purchase price of \$3,000.00. Louis stated the previous value was \$1,500.00, he has made no improvements and he thought the value would remain \$1,500.00. Gayla Gille, Assessor stated that her practice was to put property on tax roll at purchase price. Mike Blevins made the motion to retain current fair cash value of \$3,000.00. Jimmy Taylor seconded the motion with Blevins & Taylor voting aye.

Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. withdrew their formal appeal.

Robert O'Bannon & Dawn Rahme from Phillips Murrah PC called for a conference call hearing. Phillips Murrah represents Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc Sayre Storage. The Assessor stated value of \$7,521,963.00. Occidental Energy is appealing for the following reasons; (1) Should be

exempt pursuant to Oklahoma Constitution; (2) the assessment violates state statutes; (3) assessment violates the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution; (4) the assessment violates the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution. Gayla Gillie stated she has a spread sheet showing MCF Price from 2003 – 2010, that would demonstrate the past tax amounts. Robert requested a copy of this spread sheet be faxed to him today. Mike Blevins made the motion that the Freeport Exemption be denied and retain current fair cash value. Jimmy Taylor seconded the motion with Blevins and Taylor voting aye.

Wal-Mart withdrew their formal appeal.

Cactus Drilling withdrew their formal appeal.

Enbridge GP withdrew their formal appeal.

Mike Blevins made the motion to adjourn. Jimmy Taylor seconded the motion with Blevins and Taylor voting aye.

Attest:

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Leasa Hartman, Beckham Co. Clerk  
(seal)

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Jimmy Taylor, Chairman

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Mike Blevins, Member