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**TAX COMPLAINTS ADJUSTED**

The Board of County Commissioners, sitting as a Board of Equalization last week, levied a special tax of two mills on the hundred dollar valuation under an act "Authorizing and directing boards of county commissioners to levy taxes for the years 1921-22-23, for construction and improvement of public highways and to remit dollar for dollar for allotments to the state of Federal Funds under Federal Road Act, and for other purposes."

They also adopted a road budget totaling \$38,900.00 for the period ending November 30, 1921.

Numerous applications being received for reduction of assessments the Board proceeded to investigate the petitions, with the following result:

The Board after hearing evidence relative to complaints for reduction and corrections of assessments and valuations, instructs the assessor to correct renditions to conform to the following orders, and to reduce or raise said renditions when necessary as shown by the following orders:

W. J. A. Meyer, requests 81 acres of watered land be classed as grazing land, which is allowed.

Mary E. Strunk requests \$200.00 reduction on house and lots 2, 4 and 6 block 3 Artesia. \$150.00 reduction allowed.

Homer King asked 25 per cent reduction on house and lot in Carlsbad. \$200.00 reduction is allowed.

Peoples Mercantile Company asked reduction of \$300.00 on lots 2, 4, 6 in block 10, Carlsbad, reduction not allowed. Also asked reduction on building and lot 5 Block 28, reduction of \$500.00 allowed on this property.

M. R. Smith asked reduction on lots 1, 3, 5, 7 in Block 9 Carlsbad, no reduction allowed; also asked reduction of \$250.00 of improvements on lot 9, Block 9, Carlsbad, reduction of \$250.00 allowed.

W. H. Mullane asked \$300.00 reduction on improvements and lot

10 and N two-thirds of 12 in Block 8, Carlsbad, a reduction of \$200.00 is allowed on the improvements, also asked \$150.00 reduction on E two-thirds of lots 1, 3, 5 and 7, block 5, Carlsbad, this request is not allowed.

W. B. Wilson is granted a re-classification of 20 acres of his land, said land being sub-irrigated and the assessor is instructed to assess said 20 acres at \$20.00 per acre.

T. O. Wyman requests reduction on 10 acres of sub-irrigated land in sec. 20, Twp. 23, Range 28, and reduction on 3 acres tract in sec. 20, Twp. 23, Range 28, and assessor is instructed to assess 13 acres at \$20.00 per acre.

John Nymeyer requests reduction on 13 acres sub-irrigated land in Sec. 21, Twp. 23, Range 28, also 8 acres in Sec. 20, Twp. 23, Range 28; the assessor is instructed to reduce the assessment on the 21 acres to \$20.00 per acre.

A. W. Dellman requests reduction 40 acres of sub-irrigated land in Sec. 5, Twp. 24, Range 28, the assessor is instructed to assess 20 acres of this land at \$20.00 per acre.

J. R. Ogden requests reduction on 40 acres of sub-irrigated land in Sec. 17, Twp. 24, Range 28, the assessor is instructed to allow a reduction on 8 acres to \$20.00 per acre.

H. B. Jenkins is allowed a reduction to \$20.00 per acre on 27 acres of sub-irrigated land in Sec. 15, Twp. 23, Range 28.

E. Hendriks requests reduction on lots 7 and 9, block 37, Carlsbad, which reduction is denied; also requests reduction on improvements on lots 18 and 20 in block 5, Carlsbad; the assessor is instructed to reduce this assessment in the sum of \$1000.00.

Dr. R. J. Boatman requests reduction on the following lots and improvements:

Lot 6, Block 20 lot 2, Block 22, lot 2 and 4, Block 40, Carlsbad. This petition for reduction is not allowed.

Swigart and Deater requests reduction on R. 24, NW 1/4 Sec. 29, Twp. 21, R. 27, this reduction is not allowed.

E. Purdy requests reduction on house and lot 9 Block 34, Carlsbad; no reduction is allowed.

Gilbert and Collins requests reduction on office building located in Artesia which request is not allowed. Probst and Weems requests reduction on house and lots in Artesia; which request is denied.

L. P. Evans requests reduction on lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 in Block 5, Original Artesia; this request is denied.

Mrs. M. A. Dillon requests reduction of \$500.00 on improvements on following property: Lots 11 and 7 Block 14, La Huerta, lot 5 Block 66, Lowe Addition, Carlsbad, lot 7, Block 45 Stevens Addition Carlsbad. This request is denied.

Hicks and Hamilton request reduction of \$150.00 on lots 1 and 3 Block 8, Artesia; this request is denied.

Mrs. Gilson requests that she be allowed an exemption of \$200.00, which is denied because petitioner is not a resident of New Mexico.

Dick Bates requests exemption of \$200.00 which is denied because request is not accompanied by certificate from assessor in Chaves county.

Nancy Shropshire requests 15 acres in Sec. 30, Twp. 23, R. 29 be reduced to \$20.00 per acre, which request is allowed.

Joseph S. Stevens requests reduction on following property: Lots 18, 20, 22, and 24 Block 6, lots 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, Block 40, Carlsbad, this request is denied.

W. H. Merchant requests reduction of \$500.00 on W 1-3 of lots 2, 4, 6, and 8, Block 6, also reduction of \$100.00 on lot 11, Block 8, and reduction of \$100.00 each on lots 1, 3, 5, and 7, Block 33, all in Carlsbad, this request is denied.

Mrs. M. F. Chaytor requests reductions of 50 to 75 per cent on following property located in Carlsbad: Improvements and S 1-3 of lot 12 and lot 14 Block 8, house and lot 10 Block 28 Stevens Addition. The assessor is instructed to reduce the assessment on Victor Hotel, in the sum of \$200.00.

Dr. W. F. Glaster requests reduction on improvements and lots 11 and 13, Block 37; also improvements and lot 8, Block 27, all in Carlsbad. These requests for reductions are denied.

Julian Smith requests reductions on following improvements and lots in Carlsbad; lot 15, Block 6, lot 4, Block 23, lot 6, Block 23. The assessor is instructed to reduce the assessment on the improvements on lot 15 Block 6, in the sum of \$500.

Matilda Gerlach requests reduction on lots 8 and 10 Block 40, Carlsbad. This request is denied.

T. C. Horne requests reduction of



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\$500.00 on improvements and lots 9, 11, and 13 in Block 24, Carlsbad, this request is denied.

A. J. Cox requests reduction on personal property in the sum of \$170.00, which request is denied; also requests reduction in the sum of \$200.00 on 20 acres in Sec. 9, Twp. 24, R. 28, which request is denied.

The assessor is instructed to increase the assessment of the Ross Mercantile Co., at Loving, in the sum of \$1000.00, this increase covers stock of baling wire, which was not rendered.

The request of Mrs. John W. Moore for an exemption of \$200.00 is refused for the reason that the petitioner does not reside in the State of New Mexico.

T. E. Young requests reduction in valuation of land on Sec. 11, Twp. 17, R. 21, petitioner states he does not have sufficient water with which to water more than 40 acres. The assessor is instructed to correct the rendition as follows: 40 acres at \$55.00 and 120 acres at \$3.00.

Henry L. Hise requests reduction of \$1700.00 on improvements and lots 21 and 23, Block 9, Clayton and Stegman Addition, Artesia, which request is denied.

Mrs. Florence Y. Moore requests reclassification of Sections 7 and 18,

Twp. 17, R. 27, that this land be classified as grazing land; which petition is denied.

H. C. Kerr requests reduction on improvements and lots 9, 11, 13 and 15 Block 8, Artesia, which request is denied.

W. H. Strunk requests reduction of \$1000.00 on land in Sections 26 and 25 in Twp. 16, R. 26, the assessor is instructed to reduce the assessment in the sum of \$250.00.

The First National Bank of Artesia requests reduction of \$3700.00 on real estate, which request is allowed.

Lakewood National Bank of Lakewood requests reduction of \$180.00 on real estate, which request is allowed.

The assessor is instructed to reduce the assessment of John James on the improvements on lot 13 Block 6, Carlsbad, in the sum of \$500.00.

Wm. Leek requests reduction on improvements and lots 11 and 9 in Block 9, Carlsbad, the assessor is instructed to reduce the assessment on the improvements, in the sum of \$150.00.

Dr. A. A. Bearup requests reduction of 25 per cent on lots 8 and 19 in Block 42, Carlsbad, this request is denied.

L. S. Crawford requests that lots 11 and 13 Block 27, be valued the same as lots 12 and 14 in same Block which belong to E. T. Carter. The previous assessment on these four lots being the same amount, no action was taken.

E. T. Carter and S. D. Stennis Jr., request reduction on lots 5, 7, 9, and 11 in Block 6, Carlsbad, which request is denied.

E. T. Carter requests reduction on lots 10, 12, 14, Block 27, Carlsbad, also reduction on 86 lots in town of Loving, both requests are rejected.

Major E. P. Bucac requests reduction on \$500.00 on lots 12 and 14, Block 26 Carlsbad, also requests reduction of \$50.00 on lot 1, Block 14 Carlsbad, also requests reduction of \$1400.00 on lots 2 and 9, Block 9, LaHuerta, these three requests are rejected.

A. W. Bogenschutz requests a reduction on Block 3, Forest Hill Addition, Artesia, the assessor's records do not show reductions by this petitioner, hence no action was taken.

The assessor is instructed to reduce the valuation on all bees in the county, from \$8.00 to \$6.00 per colony.

The assessor is instructed to reduce the valuation on all lands watered by pumping plants, from \$50.00 to \$40.00 per acre.

Leon Blum Jr. requests reduction on improvements and lot 14, Block 5, Carlsbad, this request is rejected.

Lora Mills requests reduction on house and lots 9 and 10 in Block 12, West Dayton, this request is rejected.

Slaughter and Dean request a reduction on land watered by pumping plant, a reduction of \$10.00 per acre is allowed.

J. H. Summerfield requests a reduction on lots 4 and 6 Block 19, La Huerta, this request is rejected.

T. C. Key requests a reduction on three lots in Hope, a reduction of \$210.00 is allowed.

Chas. Burton requests a reduction on lots in Block 8, which request is rejected.

J. E. Hague and H. C. Bowman request a reduction on land in Sec. 29, Twp. 16, R. 26, which is rejected for the reason that there is no reduction made by these parties.

J. W. Rounds requests reduction of \$150.00 on lots 19, 21 and 23, Block 11, Clayton and Stegman Addition, this request is denied.

E. E. Atkin for real estate of J. L. Hunt, requests reduction on lot 7, Block 13, lots 6 and 7, block 14, lots 13 and 14, Block 19, all of Block 27 in Original West Dayton, this request is rejected.

Sofa W. Harris requests reduction on lots 1, 3, 5, Block 15, Clayton and Stegman Addition Artesia, this request is rejected.

Lillie McKinney requests reduction on lot 16, Block 6, Clayton and Stegman Addition, Artesia, also lots 3, 5, 7, in Block 47, Improvements Co. Addition, Artesia, this request is denied.

A. K. Ellett requests reduction on lots 4, 6, 8, Block 1, Original Artesia, this request is denied.

W. A. Jenkins requests reduction on land in Sec. 8, Twp. R. 26, which request is denied.

R. M. Mundhanke requests reduction on improvements on lots 10, 12, 14 and 16, Block 11, Forest Hill Addition, Artesia, petitioner is allowed \$500.00 reduction on improvements.

Coad Bros., through their attorney in fact, R. S. Waller, requests reduction on valuation of land known as the Coad ranch, which request is denied.

G. R. Scripps requests reduction in assessment on S 1-2 Sec. 25, Twp. 18, R. 26, which request is rejected.

Sam Moskin requests reduction of \$900.00 in assessment of stock of merchandise, which request is rejected.

R. M. Thorne Furniture Co. is granted a reduction in valuation on stock of merchandise of \$4250.00.

Shelby Grocery Co. is granted a reduction in valuation on stock of merchandise of \$4340.00.

Roberts-Deaborne Hardware Co. is granted a reduction in valuation on stock of merchandise at Carlsbad of \$11,900.00.

Roberts-Deaborne Hardware Co. is granted a reduction in valuation on stock of merchandise at Loving, of \$4,400.00.

M. R. Smith is granted a reduction on stock of merchandise of \$2,040.00, which is a 15 per cent reduction having previously been taken on rendition, for loss by fire.

Wm. Leek is granted a reduction in valuation on stock of merchandise of \$1,100.00.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

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