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n the Matter of)
Elko Ruby Vista LLC APN: 001-564-040) }
Elko County, Nevada)
PETITIONER)
) Case No. 16-274
Katrinka Russell)
Elko County Assessor)
RESPONDENT)
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Appeal of the Decision of the)
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NOTICE OF DECISION

Appearances

Michael P. Killion of Frazer Ryan Goldberg and Arnold, LLP, appeared telephonically on behalf of Elko Ruby Vista LLC (Taxpayer).

Katrinka Russell and Sarah Romero appeared on behalf of the Elko County Assessor's Office (Assessor).

Summary

The matter of the Taxpayer's petition for review of property valuations for the 2016-17 Secured Roll within Elko County, Nevada, came before the State Board of Equalization (State Board) for hearing in Carson City, Nevada, on June 29, 2016 after due notice to the Taxpayer and the Assessor.

The Taxpayer offered new evidence consisting of financial reports, leases, and capitalization rate surveys from 2014 to 2016. The State Board admitted the new evidence into the record. *See Tr., 6-29-16, p. 130, II. 12-25.* The Assessor's testimony regarding the mortgage constant component of the capitalization rate was not accepted by the State Board. *See Tr., 6-29-16, p. 146, I. 19 through p. 147, I. 13.*

The State Board, having considered all evidence, documents and testimony pertaining to the valuation of the property in accordance with NRS 361.227, hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1) The State Board is an administrative body created pursuant to NRS 361.375.
- 2) The State Board is mandated to hear all appeals of property tax assessments pursuant to NRS 361.360 and NRS 361.400.
- The Taxpayer and the Assessor were given adequate, proper and legal notice of the time and place of the hearing before the State Board, and the matter was properly noticed pursuant to the Open Meeting Law at NRS 241.020. The Department provided evidence to show the Taxpayer received notice of the hearing. See Record, SBE page 123.
- The subject property is known as the Highlands of Elko comprised of a 112 bed skilled nursing unit, a 34 bed Alzheimer wing and a 57 bed assisted living apartment unit, containing 89,473 square feet built in 1999, 2009, and 2013 respectively, on 10.47 acres located on Ruby Vista Drive in Elko, Elko County, Nevada. See Record, SBE pages 62 and 63; Tr., 6-29-16, p. 128, II. 8-21
- 5) The Elko County Board of Equalization (County Board) ordered the total taxable value for the subject property of \$10,104,414 be upheld for the 2016-2017 secured roll. See Record, SBE pages 21-22; 107-108.
- The State Board found the Taxpayer did not present sufficient credible evidence to support values different from that approved by the County Board. The State Board did not find the financial evidence supporting the income approach credible and therefore relied on the cost indicator of value based on the replacement cost new less depreciation plus market value of the land established by the Assessor. See Tr., 6-29-16, p. 157, II. 3-18; p. 164, II. 10-17.
- 7) The State Board affirmed the decision of the County Board. See Tr., 6-29-16, p. 164, l. 10 through p. 165, l. 3.
- 8) Any finding of fact above construed to constitute a conclusion of law is adopted as such to the same extent as if originally so denominated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1) The Taxpayer timely filed a notice of appeal, and the State Board accepted jurisdiction to determine this matter.
- 2) The Taxpayer and the Assessor are subject to the jurisdiction of the State Board.
- 3) The State Board has the authority to determine the taxable values in the State.
- 4) The subject property is appraised at the proper taxable value as previously determined by the County Board in accordance with NRS 361.227 for the 2016-2017 tax year. The assessed value is 35% of taxable value.
- 5) Any conclusion of law above construed to constitute a finding of fact is adopted as such to the same extent as if originally so denominated.

DECISION

The Petition of the Taxpayer is denied based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Elko County Comptroller is instructed to certify the assessment roll of the county consistent with this decision.

BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION THIS 25 DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.

Deonne Contine, Secretary

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