

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room by Chairman Collins. Roll call was taken with Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sevenker, Sintek and Cetak present. Notice of meeting was verified. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Sevenker, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Collins was appointed temporary Chairman to serve until the 2004 Chairman was elected on motion of Ash, seconded by Sevenker, Carried. Yes: Ash, Sevenker, Sintek, Cetak, Beran, Melia. No; none. Absent: none.

Collins nominated Sevenker for the Chairman position. Collins asked three times for further nominations and there were none. Collins moved that nominations cease and that Sevenker be unanimously appointed Chairman. There was no opposition.

Chairman Sevenker opened nominations for Vice Chairman. Ash nominated Collins, Melia seconded it. Sevenker asked three times for further nominations and there were none. Melia moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Collins. There was no opposition.

Collins moved, Beran seconded that the Chairman's salary remain at \$450 per month by Resolution 04-1. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Reading of the minutes of the December 30, meeting was dispensed with, said minutes were approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Supt., Leth, reported receipt of a check from the Mortensen Foundation for work done by the County on the Mortensen Family Industrial Site. He noted that the City rates are higher and asked if the County rates should be updated. Following discussion, the Board asked Leth to present updated rates at the next meeting for their consideration. Leth's also reported: will attend Bridge Conference and Workshop in Kearney that will count as credit toward his Class A license; will not attend 2 week Bridge Inspection Certification School in April; discussed training someone in addition to Leth since hiring engineer costs \$50 to \$150 per bridge; cutting trees NW of Ed Hackel and will maintain tomorrow; Leth will attend Public Hearing at the Veterans' Club on State road between North Loup and Ord; price of steel has gone up which will affect cost of future projects, culverts, grader blades and other steel items.

Regarding the road vacation request of Robert Lutz, Resolution 04-02 was presented to direct the road study by resolution as required by statute. Resolution 04-02 was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Leth presented his report on Road No. 295 and Road No. 474, concluding that the roads could be vacated. He noted that H. Eugene Cook had questioned if vacating these roads would limit access to his mother's property but upon finding that access would not be denied, Cook did not oppose vacating the road. Leth also noted that Lutz's request to vacate included his agreement that a purchaser of the property could reopen the road. Resolution 04-3, setting the Public Hearing on the proposed vacation of Road No. 295 and Road No. 474 for February 24, 2004 at 9:30 a.m., was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: one. Absent: none. The complete legal description of said roads is contained in Leth's report and in Resolution 04-3, which documents are public record on file in the Clerk's Office.

Communications Consolidation Committee members Brian Kirby, Wayne Winterfeld, Larry Masin, Bob Sevenker, Allen Cetak and Dick Beran proposed that Region 26 handle all 911 calls, the Ord Police Dept. keep a dispatcher for local calls 4 days per week, the County Sheriff's Office handle local calls at night and 3 days per week (includes the weekend). The City would pay the County approximately \$7500 for this service. Initial set-up costs with Region 26 would be \$24,000 or \$10 per person. If Region 26 handles all calls the annual cost would be \$4.00 per person or about \$10,000. If Region 26 handles only 911 calls the cost goes down to \$1.00 per person or about \$2500 per year. An interlocal agreement would be needed and perhaps a Committee to oversee the plan and make sure it works. If the County Board agrees, this plan will be presented to the Ord City Council on the

19th. Following discussion, Sintek moved, Beran seconded the motion to support and cooperate with the Ord City Council on consolidation of communications and to proceed with an interlocal agreement. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski gave his annual report which includes a written 2003 Activity Report, 2003 Noxious Weed Infestation Report and 2004 Noxious Weed Control Plan. These reports will be sent to Lincoln and copies will be on file at the Clerk's Office. Following discussion, said reports were approved by the County Board on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Bethanne Kunz, Executive Director, presented the Economic Development Board's Quarterly Report. There will be further meetings regarding interest in hydroponic greenhouses and an ethanol plant; a ballot question is proposed to allow excess sales tax collections to be spent as intended; a grant application has been made to fund a part-time entrepreneur facilitator; a countywide survey is needed in 2004; a course is to be offered in April for existing business owners. Kunz also noted that there would be a cost of \$162.85 per organization for the intern applied for through the Nebraska Rural Initiative program and asked if the Board was still interested in participating. Ash moved, Collins seconded the motion to approve the payment of \$162.85 for the intern. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins. Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Planning and Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke reported that the Ord City Council has a new zoning map which includes their one mile jurisdiction. County jurisdiction can also be determined from the new map. Discussed spot annexation for purposes of tax increment financing and interlocal agreements to provide wellhead protection when jurisdiction is shared. A request for subdivision less than 10 acres for Bredthauers will be presented in February. Attended a public hearing on proposed Livestock Friendly legislation which most counties oppose. Will continue to monitor this legislation.

Sevenker reported that Cornerstone may begin operating this week and roofing began on Agland Electric's building today, both businesses are located on the Mortensen Family Industrial Site.

The Clerk presented the December Fee Report and the annual Ambulance report of fees collected on charges incurred prior to October, 1999.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board moved into Board of Equalization on motion of Melia, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk and Treasurer were present.

Treasurer Suminski presented Vehicle Exemption Applications from Mid-Nebr. Individual Services, Inc., Heartland Assembly of God Church, Seventh Day Baptist Church, and St. Johns Lutheran Church. Ash moved, Cetak seconded approval of vehicle tax exemptions for the above named qualifying nonprofit organizations. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Equalization, Cetak moved, Sintek seconded the return to regular session. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Suminski reported County Fund Balances for December and collections/disbursements for the first half of the fiscal year. She reminded the Board that so far this fiscal year it has not been necessary to transfer funds from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund in order to meet monthly expenses, however, she cautioned that as we near the fiscal year end it may become necessary even though we try hard to avoid it since the Inheritance Tax money cannot be replaced. She is continuing to monitor the Road Fund to protect the highway allocation. Resolution 04-04 was presented to authorize investment of county funds and designate official County depositories. Resolution 04-04 was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Bill Abts of Ameritas Investment Corp. presented information on the County's current bonds and advised that bonds for capital improvements could be added without affecting the current levy.

The Signature and Seal Report required by the Secretary of State Notary Division was signed by each Board member as Supervisor and Weed Control Board.

Appointing a County Physician was discussed. Attorney Cullers read to the Board the applicable statute. Dr. Dan Stevens has held the position for several years but it was felt that since

he no longer has hospital privileges, another Doctor should be appointed. Chairman Sevenker will contact other Doctors to see if they would be willing to serve and report at the next meeting. Committee appointments were discussed and made by Chairman Sevenker as follows: Roads: Collins, Melia, Ash, Sintek; Building and Grounds: Sevenker, Cetak, Beran; Hospital: Sevenker, Ash, Collins; Bonds: Ash, Beran, Cetak; Claims: Melia, Beran, Collins; American Fund: Sevenker, Sintek. Discussion of Agency Representatives noted that there was no longer an Arens Trust Fund but resulted in no other changes: Region 26: Ash, Beran; Region III: Melia; Mid-Nebraska: Cetak; Mid Plains: Ash; Ag Land Valuation: Collins; Economic Development: Melia, Sevenker; Loup Basin Health Dept.: Sintek. Sevenker's term on the Economic Development Board will be up in February. It was moved by Melia, seconded by Cetak to reappoint Sevenker as County Rep. on the E. D. Board. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Jenette Lindsey was appointed to the Safety Committee to replace Claire Hansen and the other members, Leth, Kolar, and Arnold remain the same.

The request of Scott Brady, Extension Educator, to appoint Lori Bush to the Extension Board in place of Bev Smedra was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Charlie Cox, VSO, requested Floyd H. Kallhoff be appointed to finish the term of Fred Eugene Cox on the Valley County Service Committee. Beran moved, Collins seconded approval of said appointment. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

The appointment of non-voting area representatives to the Hospital Board was discussed. County Attorney Cullers said that he agreed with the concept but had some concerns. Statute gives authority to appoint Hospital Board members but does not address non-voting representatives. Such representatives would have no more authority than any audience member and he questioned whether the Board had authority to appoint someone outside the County. Cullers offered to request an Attorney General's Opinion and following discussion, the Chairman directed Cullers to do so.

Resolution 03-35 opposing the closing of the Hastings and Norfolk Regional Centers, which the Board had directed him to prepare at the last meeting, was presented for approval. Said Resolution was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers reported on the need for revision of the County's Personnel Policy and invited the Board to attend a January 20 meeting he has set up with the department heads to get everyone's input on needed changes. He will come back to the Board with the revisions for their review.

Mail Folder items were available for review: CNEDD Agenda and Minutes, Ord Chamber Newsletter, BCBS Newsletter, Dept. Labor Publication, Public Records & Open Meetings Seminar, Tonniges & Assoc. Open House.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 13 meeting and an agenda for the January 27 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk