

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 27, 2004 by Chairman Sevenker in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins Sintek, Cetak and Sevenker present, none absent. The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and posted in the usual manner. Reading of the minutes of the January 13 meeting was dispensed with and said minutes were approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Beran reported that Jim Cannon, the architect for the Courthouse entrance ramp, was unable to attend due to road conditions but Cannon has talked to Nelson regarding the construction of the ramp and both Cannon and Nelson will try to attend the next Board meeting.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, reported January Claims and Balances for the Road Dept. and indicated the Road Budget is about where it should be at this point in the fiscal year.

Road Supt. Leth presented updated rental rates for County equipment which, following discussion, was approved by the Board on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Leth said the rent collected would show on his annual report.

Having attended the public hearing on the State road project between North Loup and Ord, Leth reported that most of the County's requests had been met. Due to probable increase in traffic, the Ashton road project that was postponed last year will need to be completed. Before the State project begins, Leth will receive their preliminary plan and the necessary road closings will come before the Board for approval.

Road Dept. has been cutting trees, pushing snow Sunday, Monday and going over all County roads today.

Leth presented the County's One and Six Year Plan, saying budget was the controlling factor in the plan. This year there are 3 oil projects totaling \$50,143, a carryover of \$11,000 for next year on asphalt, 3 culvert projects costing \$16,028 and miscellaneous projects costing \$3,000. Due to the increase in steel prices, culverts were bid with Custer County and purchased from this year's budget. Will not need to purchase grader blades this year. Did not feel carbide blades were that much better overall, cannot grade with them. Leth gave a brief description of each project in the Plan and following discussion, the Public Hearing for the One and Six Year Road Plan was set for March 9, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board acknowledged the NDOR letter regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.

The Hospital Report was presented by Phil Lowe and Don Williamson. The usual written material was presented and discussed: Hospital Board agenda, minutes, and financial statistics. Williamson included a separate page that listed expense amounts paid to Quorum, Trimble, the hearing panel and legal services that are normally shown as part of contract services and supplies and other.

Board of Equalization convened at 10:10 a.m. on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk and Deputy Assessor were present. Deputy Assessor, Pam Arnold, presented a Tax List Correction for Sack Lumber Company for items listed on their 2003 personal property schedule that are actually in Wilber, Nebraska. Ash moved, Beran seconded approval of the correction. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, Ash moved, Cetak seconded the motion to return to regular session. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Sheriff Ronzzo presented his written report of fees and activities for December. There was discussion of jail rates and the proposed closing of Regional Centers.

The Clerk presented IV-D reimbursement receipts and Lodging Tax receipts.

Custodian Don Severance appeared with a note from Dr. Julie Stevens indicating he could return to work. He is to see Dr. Mubin tomorrow and will get a report from him. Severance asked if he could return to work 32 hours per week, which qualifies for full benefits, beginning Febr. 1. Following discussion, Chairman Sevenker asked that Severance provide a report from Dr. Mubin and come back to the Board at the Febr. 10 meeting.

County Attorney Cullers reported the only duty of the County Physician is the care of County Jail inmates and that inmates can request their own doctor. Following discussion, Ash moved, Cetak seconded the motion to appoint Dr. Bengston and Dr. Kanuri, the on-call physicians for the Ord Family Health Center, as Co-County Physicians. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Attorney Cullers will prepare a memorandum of appointment to be sent to each doctor.

Discussion was held on the CDBG grant application for a courthouse elevator regarding the fire marshall's requirement that an outside stairway and a sprinkler system be part of the elevator installation. Melia is to contact the fire marshall for clarification of the requirements and report back to the Board.

Chairman Sevenker notified the Board that he had received a note from Leth requesting the Public Hearing on the County's One and Six Year Plan be changed from March 9, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. to February 24, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. as he found he had a conflict with the March date. Sintek moved, Ash seconded the motion to rescind their original motion reschedule the hearing for February 24, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. as requested by Leth. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

January claims were approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. The Expenditures Report as of December 31, 2003 was also reviewed.

Nancy Glaubke will report to the Board on the Public Hearing for Custer County Zoning Regulations.

Collins reported that County Government Day sponsored by the Ord Legion is to be held the morning of February 27, 2004 and asked that this topic be placed on the next agenda when he will have more information.

Discussion was held regarding placing public comment on the Board agenda on a regular basis, allowing members of the public to speak without having to be placed on the agenda in advance. Attorney Cullers and Chairman Sevenker are to draft a written policy for this and the issue is to be placed on the next agenda.

Cullers then gave his report, noting that he has met with County Officials and Dept. heads for input on updating the County Personnel Policy and that he hopes to have a draft for the Board later this spring. Cullers reported Child Support IV-D reimbursement of \$3165 for the third quarter. He will be in District Court for much of the next Board Meeting. The Multi-County Juvenile Services team has chosen to use the grant funds they received to present an assembly program at area schools similar to the Power Team presentation sponsored by the Ministerial Assoc., as this would be of equal benefit to all Counties involved.

Committee reports: Communications Consolidation, Sevenker reported that Ron Kerkman is to present a proposal for 911 communications to the city; Mid-Plains, Ash reported that last night's meeting was canceled and that he will bring printouts to the next Board meeting; Region III, Melia reported that they distribute block grant money to various programs like Mid-Plains and directors of those programs report to Region III.

Mail folder items: Chamber thank you for use of Courthouse, Region 26 meeting notice, Loup Basin RC&D, Community Action of Nebr., Dept. of Labor, D. Heineman Homeland Security, Karr Tuckpointing.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 on motion of Beran, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 27 meeting and an agenda for the February 10 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