

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2004. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak present. No additions or corrections were offered to the minutes of the previous meeting so they were approved as published. Ash moved to adopt the agenda, Cetak seconded. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

The Chairman recognized Wes Allbright from the public comment sign up sheet. Allbright spoke concerning road conditions on the Sargent highway due to blowing snow. Discussion was held.

Due to a conflicting engagement, Planning & Zoning Admn., Nancy Glaubke gave her report at this time. Zoning Regulations have been adopted by Custer County and several differences between the two County's regulations were noted. She attended a meeting in Lincoln concerning well head protection, saying that the County's Zoning Regs do address this issue. She has learned that the Planning Commission Recommendation for a subdivision less than 10 acres must be signed by the Supervisor Chairman, attested by the Clerk and filed with the Register of Deeds. The Recommendation for the Bredthauer Subdivision of 1.361 acres, previously approved by the Supervisors, was presented for those signatures and the County Attorney will prepare an affidavit to bring us into compliance on those subdivisions already completed.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson presented the Road Claims & Balances. Fuel and culverts were the larger expenses this month and the budget looks good for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Road Supt. Leth asked the Board to approve holding a motor grader training course due to the number of new operators. Training is provided through UNL and consists of one day in the classroom plus 2 days when the instructors evaluate the roads and talk to the operators. The City of Ord would be invited as well as other Counties and a meal is usually provided. Collins moved, Beran seconded approval of having Leth contact Ord City and surrounding Counties for support in hosting a motor grader training course in May and to work out details regarding meals. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported: cutting trees, will begin maintaining again, LB1088 regarding vegetation in public right-of-ways was indefinitely postponed, discussed spaying to prevent regrowth, discussed sale of truss bridge.

At 9:30 a.m. the Public Hearing for the Valley County One and Six Year Road Plan was held. No one appeared to testify. Following discussion, it was decided that project C88-216B would be left in the plan and, as Leth requested, the tonnage on this bridge be lowered from 17 to 12 ton. The Affidavit certifying that a hearing was held and proper notice given was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 04-06 adopting the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented at the January 27, 2004 meeting was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Sintek, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The Public Hearing was held on the abandonment of Roads No. 295 and 474 as requested by Robert Lutz. No one appeared to testify. Leth pointed out that the Lutz petition said if any of his property sold the roads could be reopened. Ash moved, Cetak seconded the motion approving Resolution 04-07 to abandon and vacate said roads. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers left the meeting briefly to address County Government Day students in the District Courtroom.

Discussion was held regarding: snow removal on the Sargent highway, purchasing culverts now due to rising cost of steel, will wait to purchase sheet piling and if too costly will drop projects.

There was no Hospital report as their Board of Trustees meeting was postponed.

While awaiting the arrival of Custodian Severance, the letter from Lt. Gov. Heineman regarding the statewide wireless communications system was discussed.

Following discussion of the cost of heating and court appointed attorney fees, February claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Collins moved, Ash seconded approval of Resolution 04-08 authorizing a transfer

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from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund if needed to meet expenses after the Treasurer's books are closed. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Custodian Severance appeared. Attorney Cullers reported that he had met with Severance and based on clearance from Dr. Mubin and Dr. Julie, it would seem appropriate for Severance to return to work on March 1. This would allow notice to be given to Larry Marsh who has been serving as part-time Custodian. Cullers recommended that Severance work only when others are present in the Courthouse, week days 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. not nights or weekends and that Severance tell someone when he goes to the basement or the third floor and let them know when he returns. The Board agreed that Severance should return to work on March 1, 2004 and that Collins would notify Marsh.

Lodging tax receipts for December were \$754.72. It was noted that there were few disbursements and the Clerk was directed to ask a Visitor's Promotion Committee member attend the next meeting to discuss it.

The increase in charges for the Agland Board from \$50.00 to \$75.00 was noted.

Sevenker reported that John Prien had indicated he did not require County assistance with his drainage problem at this time.

Attorney Cullers reported regarding 2 proposed Interlocal agreements. One with Ord City regarding consolidation of communications and one with Garfield County regarding the position of Road Supt. The Garfield County Attorney has not yet been contacted by the Commissioners regarding this issue, but Cullers felt there would be no problem in working with Attorney Crandall on an agreement if Garfield County decides to go ahead with it. The Ord City Attorney has not had time to put together a draft for Cullers to review. Cullers advised that a review board be made a part of the agreement.

Cullers' general report included the following information. On behalf of Sheriff Ronzzo, who was attending a training seminar in North Platte, Cullers reported that the jail had passed inspection by the Jail Standards Board on Feb. 18 and that a rate of \$45 per day for housing out-of-county prisoners appeared to be in line with other jails. He also discussed the revision of the County Personnel Policy and recommended that it include a plan to help ensure that employment situations are handled objectively. Agland Electric has requested a letter of ownership and subordination, Cullers advised that the County not subordinate. He is looking into the bidding process for construction of the east entrance ramp but has not yet received the plans.

Three groups of high school students observed the Board meeting at various times throughout the morning and Chairman Sevenker introduced the Supervisors to each group explaining which precinct each represented.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 24 meeting and an agenda for the March 9 meeting are available in the County Clerk's Office.

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