

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTES (Dorrita)

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room in regular session. Chairman Sevenker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Verification of Notice of meeting was given by publishing in the Ord Quiz and an agenda was posted in advance of said meeting. Board members acknowledged receipt of Notice of Meeting. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek and Cetak present. Absent: None. No additions or corrections were made to the previous minutes and they were approved as published. Sevenker requested item #6A5. be added to the agenda. On motion by Sintek to approve the amended agenda and seconded by Beran. Motion carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: None. Absent: None.

Chairman Sevenker acknowledged Bill Brush from the public comment sign up sheet. Brush stated the Hospital needs to be removed from the political environment as soon as possible and spoke on the Medical Task Force analysis for future operations of the Hospital. Brush reported he attended a meeting held by area people interested in making the Valley Co. Hospital a Regional Private Not for Profit Corporation was very positive and stated before a transition can begin, a number of legal issues would need to be settled and strong interested individuals from the surrounding area could look into the issues and bring them to a close.

Road Supt. Max Leth was attending a continuing education class and unable to attend the meeting. Board members decided to wait for input from Leth about LB 1064 in regard to the overwidth survey. Discussion was held on not posting weight limits signs on Valley County roads at this time. Board acknowledged the bills LB507 on Inheritance Tax collections and LB1040 regarding motor vehicle sales tax collections were killed in committee.

Easement #03-208 application for the Nebraska Central Telephone Co. to lay a line out of Garfield Co. on the Haskell Creek Road to the Glen Nelson property was approved on motion by Melia, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Ash, Beran, Collins and Sintek. No: None. Absent: None. Discussion of irrigation pivots spraying on county roadways was tabled until the next meeting. Sevenker reported on the sale of County items at the last Wolf auction netted \$10,001.68.

Due to an emergency Sheriff Ronzzo sent a message indicating he would appear later in the meeting. No member of the Tourism committee was present the report was tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer Janet Suminski reported the Fund Balance report shows a negative balance in the Weed Fund for February, a claim will be submitted in March to correct the balance, Pledge Security, Tax Sale Certification of sold delinquent taxes in the amount of \$51,291.29 to five bidders and Tax Sale Certificates due for foreclosure. On motion by Collins to adopt Resolution #04-09 to direct the Co. Attorney to institute the foreclosure of Tax Sale Certificates for recovery of delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Assessments was seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek and Cetak. No: None. Absent: None. County Clerk fee report for February was acknowledged.

Don Williamson CFO of the Valley County Hospital gave statistical reports, balance sheet report, statement of operations and expenses for the months of Nov. 03, Dec. 03 and Jan. 04. Williamson reported Quorum costs should be partially reimbursed and that legal fees are continuing to affect the bottom line. Phil Lowe reported Dr. Blake has signed a contract to practice here and the Hospital will not be recruiting anymore Doctor's or P.A.'s.

At 10:10 a.m. Ash moved, seconded by Cetak to go into Board of Equalization. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Melia, Beran, Collins and Sintek. No: None. Absent: None. Assessor Deb Waits reported on the annual taxation of Government Entities for Property owned by the County not used for Public Purpose. Waits reported certified appraiser Larry Rexroth was here to help the Assessor with questions on property valuations. All residential and commercial properties are being reevaluated and notices will be sent. Board requested Waits set up a time to have Rexroth meet with the Supervisors at a future date.

At 10:20 a motion to go out of Board of Equalization was made by Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Collins and Cetak. No: None. Absent: None.

A motion to approve signing the Subgrant Special Conditions contract for the awarding of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant was made by Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Melia, Beran, Collins and Cetak. No: None. Absent: None.

Nebraska Dept. of HHS computation for reimbursement of direct costs was approved for signing on motion by Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia and Beran. No: None. Absent: None.

Cetak moved, seconded by Sintek to approve signing of the Flexible Benefit Plan Administrative Services Agreement with PayFlex. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran and Collins. No: None. Absent: None.

The summary of current expenditures report was discussed by members. County Farm rent payment receipts were acknowledged and discussion for determination of the numbers of acres on the county farms less the Mortensen Development for FSA will be done by the GIS system. Melia will report to the Board when the survey will take place and the results. A letter from Donna Matthew's from Gov. Mike Johanns regarding concern for Nebraska small towns and villages was noted.

At 10:30 a.m. Sheriff Ronzzo arrived to give his 2003 year end, January and February 2004 report. Ronzzo reported 251 prisoners were booked with an average stay of 6.3 days, the jail was vacant only two days during the year; board of prisoners costs were in line with other jails in the area, and a total of \$96,631.16 in fees were collected by the Sheriff's office in 2003. Discussion also took place between the Board and Ronzzo regarding the Homeland Security Grants, radios and communications. Ronzzo Deputized John Keck to patrol the Arcadia area with the Sheriff's office providing two tanks of gas per month. Ronzzo also indicated the grant for the purchase of two new radios and vests should go through very soon. An invoice for insuring the 2000 & 2001 Sheriff's patrol cars was discussed, as well as what will be done with the extra patrol car and procedures to transfer the vehicle for possible use by the Civil Defense Director. It was determined the car already has a considerable amount of hail damage and would not sell for much at a sale.

Co. Attorney Randy Cullers reported on the progress of the Interlocal Agreement for consolidation of the Communications between the City and the County. Culler's asked the Board for input on who may be a member of a Community Oversight Committee consisting of the Sheriff, Police Chief, two members of the City Council and County Board and at-large members to handle general discussion, complaints and make recommendations. Culler's also noted he had several questions on developing the agreement such as when compensation would be paid, term of the agreement, what would happen if an event occurred the Sheriff's office could not handle as well as other concerns in drawing up the agreement. Culler's also showed members plans for the courthouse ramp and is researching if a bidding process needs to be done.

Allen Cetak reported Mid-Nebr. Individual Services is now \$178,000.00 in the black and is building a new facility in Broken Bow.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 9, 2004 and an agenda for the March 30, 2004 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

Dorrita L. Helm, Deputy Clerk