

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 March 30, 2004 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek and Cetak present. The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and posted as usual. Chairman Sevenker asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting as published, none were offered and said minutes were approved as published. Collins moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Willis Plate was called for public comment, but was not present, so the next agenda item was called.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, presented the written monthly report of Road Claims and Balances noting some of the larger expenses. She indicated that the Road Budget appeared to be in good shape for the remainder of the fiscal year with \$59,373 for gravel, \$12,459 for fuel and \$326,850 overall.

Road Supt. Leth reported his approval of Easement 04-209 requested by Michael Jackson, said Easement was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Overwidth permits, weight limit signs and pivots spraying the roads were discussed. Leth indicated that Valley County does not issue overwidth permits because of the volume of agricultural traffic requiring permits. He did not put up weight limit signs since there was not a lot of shoulder break up in the County but, since Custer County did post weight limit signs, he is required to post weight restrictions ahead signs in advance of the Custer County line. County Attorney Cullers suggested that if a complaint is received regarding a pivot spraying the road Leth should document it, notify the landowner and the Sheriff and if the landowner does not respond, a criminal complaint can be issued. It was decided there was no need to publish a notice on this subject as State Statutes are public record.

Jay Knapp, Larry and Robyn Koelling and Luke Wolf were present to discuss water problems, one on the Knapp place and one on the John Prien place. Knapp requested that the County install a larger culvert and clean out a road ditch to help alleviate his water problem. He will pay for the culvert and haul the debris. The Board agreed to his request. Discussion was then held on the Prien property regarding County responsibility. It was determined that part of the solution was between the landowners and they would meet with Prien when he was next in the area to discuss the situation. The County would be willing to lower the ditch or move tubes once the landowners agreed on what they wanted done.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the road sign article provided by Dean Bresley and discussed maintenance costs and road sign requirements for enhanced 911 service.

Leth's general report included: new cell phone number; fairgrounds request for removal of block building from which County is keeping steel doors and conduit, also hauling dirt at fairgrounds; overwidth permit survey sent to NACO; minutes of public hearing held by the State on North Loup road are available; discussion on paving entrance to Mortensen Family Industrial Site, Board agreed Leth should draw up plans and figure quantities, but not let bids and the Economic Development Board will discuss it at their next meeting; Leth bought culverts before price of steel went up, this year bids are being taken for a quarter rather than a full year.

Chairman Sevenker called again for Willis Plate, but he was not present.

Ryan Simpson, Emergency Management Director and Assistant, Shawn Owen, presented a resolution by which the Board could approve the new Valley County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Beran moved to approve LEOP Resolution 04-10, Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Beran, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The State will provide copies of the new plan. Simpson also reported working on a Questionnaire regarding the Statewide Communications Alliance of Nebr. and noted that he did not feel it would benefit the County. He and Shawn will be conducting tornado drills for area schools as this is weather awareness week. A weather awareness class put on by the National Weather Service is to be held at the Ord Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m. on April 13th. Discussion was held regarding enhanced 911 requirements and the use of the old Sheriff's patrol car by Simpson and Owen for storm watching.

At 10:10 a.m. Sintek moved to go into Board of Equalization, motion was seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. The Clerk and Assessor were present.

The Tax Exempt Applications by Qualifying Organizations were discussed. The Assessor noted that no new applications were received this year. Max Kroger, GLVA President, was present to testify on their behalf. Following discussion, Melia moved to treat all applications the same as they were treated last year, Cetak seconded the motion. Motion carried by Chairmen's vote to break the tie. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Beran, Sevenker. No: Sintek, Collins, Ash. Absent: none.

Assessor Waits reported requesting and receiving a two day extension from the state for filing the abstract of the property assessment rolls. The abstract was completed and timely filed. She provided information on agland, commercial and residential property with regard to values and sales.

Ash moved to return to regular session and Beran seconded the motion at 10:45 a.m.. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Darrell Kaminski, Weed Supt., reported that BSAF Chemical Co. will no longer sell plateau to farmers. He said they can get it through the NRD and that he purchased extra last year so the County has a good supply. Renewal of the County's contract with Kaminski was discussed. Collins moved to renew the contract for another year and Sintek seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 04-11 authorizing various action by the County Board, the County Attorney and the Weed Supt. was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Collins, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Economic Development Director, Bethanne Kunz notified the Board that the County did not qualify to apply for the CDBG Grant for funds to install an elevator in the Courthouse. The latest income survey showed the City of Ord did not meet the individual income criteria. She offered to help do a postcard survey for that one issue and if the new numbers allowed the County to qualify, an application could be submitted again in the fall. Ash moved, Beran seconded approval of participating in a postcard survey regarding the income of Ord residents. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Hospital Admn., Phil Lowe and CFO, Don Williamson gave the monthly hospital report. Williamson noted that the census was down in most categories and they are looking at ways to reduce staff until it comes back up. He explained that a claim for \$17,437.06 had been turned in for ambulance expense because that was the amount of shortfall between the operating expense and revenue generated by the ambulance. Chairman Sevenker asked about CD's that were cashed in by the Hospital and Williamson indicated that in October and November CD's worth \$123,000 were cashed in but that the Hospital still has CD's worth \$571,945.85.

Connie Fread presented Resolution 04-12 by which the Board can approve the application of the Hospital for federal funds to help provide public transportation for persons in Valley County. Fread explained that the Senior Center, Ord City, Social Services and the Hospital all contribute to this effort. Melia moved to approve Resolution 04-12, Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Tourism Committee member Don Vancura reported that the Committee is planning to meet on a regular basis, the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. He also said they are looking into working with RC&D tourism group and the Chamber on some projects. The maps that were planned are taking longer than thought so some funds being held to pay for this may be used for other projects in the meantime. Also discussed was the possibility of adding 2% to the current lodging tax for the purchase of a small building for tourism information. Vancura complimented the County on their snow removal efforts this winter.

A letter from the Nebr. Commission on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice indicated that the jail had passed the Jail Standards inspection and noted that an inspection by the State Fire Marshal's office is yet to be conducted. Ronzzo reported that he will be attending training for 2 weeks next month in Grand Island and that a Homeland Security Grant was received for the purchase of 2 vests, a computer, and car equipment. When asked, Ronzzo indicated that he and the deputies fuel their cars at the County shop as much as possible. The use of the old patrol car by Emergency Management was discussed. A motion was made by Cetak, seconded by Ash to approve the use of the old 1995 patrol car by Simpson and Owen for storm watching, to keep only

liability insurance coverage on said vehicle and to look at any repairs needed on a case by case basis. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

The claim of Cannon Moss Brygger & Assoc. and the receipt of reimbursement through General Assistance was acknowledged. March claims were approved on motion of Melia, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk reported that the General Fund would be short \$91, 809.57 based on the Treasurer's receipts for February and presented Resolution 04-13 for the Board's consideration. This resolution authorizes the Clerk and Treasurer to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund following the Treasurer's final accounting of March receipts. Including March receipts would require a smaller transfer of funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund and the exact amount of the transfer would be reported to the Board at their next regular meeting. Following discussion, Collins moved to approve Resolution 04-13 and Sintek seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Items discussed included: BCBS forms for contact information and HIPAA privacy forms; U.S. Dept. of Commerce annual request for boundary changes, a postcard was signed indicating no boundary changes for Valley County; a copy of the NACO bylaws was made available; notice of the purchase of Omaha Life Insurance Co. by Fort Dearborn Life effective December 31, 2003; a motion was made by Beran seconded by Ash to approve the purchase of a copy of Courthouse blueprints through Berggren Architects for approximately \$30, motion carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Courthouse lawn care and an underground sprinkler system were discussed and it was determined that Attorney Cullers and Chairman Sevenker would draw up ads for both.

Changing the first May meeting date was discussed since it falls on election day. The first meeting in May was rescheduled from Tuesday the 11th to Monday the 10th on motion of Melia, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

The County Attorney presented a draft of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ord and County of Valley for a partial consolidation of dispatch communications. The term would be year to year, it would begin 7 days after the equipment was installed and could be terminated by mutual agreement. Following discussion, it was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers also reported meeting with Jim Cannon, Ted Nelson, Don Faust, Paul Markowski, Rick McKenney, and Dick Beran regarding the proposed Courthouse ramp. Some changes were discussed with regard to drainage issues and Cannon is to draw up specifications and blueprints.

There were no committee reports.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 30 meeting and an agenda for the April 13 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