

## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia and Ash present. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and posted. No additions or corrections were offered to the minutes of the March 30 meeting as published, and said minutes were approved as published. Sintek moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Supt., Max Leth approved the three requested easements as well as the four easement refunds. Following discussion, Easements 04-210 requested by Citizens Communications, 04-211 requested by Don Vancura and 04-212 requested by James Robertson were approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Easement refunds 03-194 Michael J. Schudel, 03-195 Walras Farms, 03-196 R. Dale Melia, and 03-197 Michael Usasz were also discussed and approved on motion of Sintek, second by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Cetak, Beran, Collins. Abstain: Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported motor grading training is to be held in Valley County May 25, 26, 27. Leth will miss the Board meeting on the 25th as this session will be all day and lunch will be provided. Board members indicated they would take care of their own lunch if they attended the training session on the 25th. A new Garfield County worker, Ord City employees and Valley County employees are to participate in the training.

The project to lower culverts on the Jay Knapp property is complicated by telephone cables lying in existing culverts. Following discussion, it was agreed that Knapp should contact the phone company to have the cables lowered before the County begins work. Leth is to inform Knapp. Leth and Supervisor Sintek looked at the Prien property and determined that an old creek channel used to run where the tubes are now located. Moving these two tubes to the Koelling's driveway and deepening the ditch would help the problem and would be within the regulations. A motion approving this solution was made by Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth also reported: 3 high school students coming to Highway Dept. for job shadowing day; grass seed from NRD about same price as last year, 3 or 4 spots seeded before rain; finish backsloping a project started by Walras Farms; haul for fill on canal road; County hauling own gravel from Ulrichs; sign vandalism continues.

Supervisor Melia reported that Ken Bills of FSA did a GPS measurement of the County Farm, including the Mortensen Family Industrial Tract and the farmed portion. The maps showed 3.5 free acres, 10.8 acres in the Industrial Tract and 81.1 acres leased. It was determined that the free acres could be farmed by Knapp and Melia will talk to Pinkman regarding extending the drainage pipe under the old road approximately 54 feet. Commodity Credit Corp. billed the County \$30 for the GPS measurement.

Bethanne Kunz, ED Director, asked the Board to approve Resolution 04-14 which is required to participate in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program Special Project Awards. Ash moved to approve Resolution 04-14, Melia seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Kunz reported that Brian Zimmer is to serve a 10-week internship in Valley County this summer and will be helping the County better maintain their web site. Each of the seven participating groups will pay about \$168 for his services. Melia asked if Zimmer could help the RC&D office and Kunz said he could when finished with the participating groups. Kunz provided information on the Ord City Sales Tax Revenue Special Election issue appearing on the Primary ballot. If passed, the sales tax would remain the same but more of the revenue collected could be used for economic development and the city could use excess funds annually rather than waiting until 2017.

Treasurer Suminski reported on March fund balances. As required by Resolution 04-13, she reported a transfer of \$16,230.33 from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund to meet March expenses. Making the transfer after March tax collections were included lowered the amount required from \$91,809.57 to \$16,230.33. Handouts were provided showing the in lieu of tax collection from Loup Valley Rural Public Power of \$21,404.80 and the distribution breakdown.

The Clerk's report of March fees was acknowledged.

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Custodian Don Severance appeared to report that, due to health considerations, he is planning to go on disability in June and would like to work part time, either custodial or lawn care duties. He can make up to \$810 per month on the disability program. He will continue full time until June and offered to resign if that is the Board's wish. The Board advised they are planning to advertise for bids on underground sprinklers and contracting lawn care and that they would discuss the situation and let Severance know their decision. Severance reported needing a new leaf blower at approximately \$200. The Board approved the proposed ads for lawn care and sprinklers and discussed various options for Courthouse custodial care.

State reimbursement of direct costs for the HHS Office in the amount of \$4,138.70 was noted and the Current Expenditures Report for March 31, 2004 listing the remaining budgets for all County Offices and Funds was discussed. When asked about the Election Commissioner budget, the Clerk reported that she had set up the Primary ballots on the computer and made Sample and Absent ballots to save costs.

A letter from David A. Yost expressing interest in serving on the Consolidation of Communications Committee was discussed, however, the Committee is already in place at this time.

County Attorney Randy Cullers was appearing in District Court, so Chairman Sevenker asked for Committee Reports. Supervisor Collins reported that he had attended the Agland Valuation Board meeting. He said that Valley County valuations were in line with the other counties and that no changes were needed. Greeley County pasture land was lowered.

County Attorney Cullers arrived and further discussion was held regarding custodial and lawn care. Cullers advised that the disability for which Severance qualifies is temporary at this time and that contracting for services would save the cost of benefits. The Board directed that the Courthouse care issue be put on the agenda for the first meeting in May and that the lawn care and sprinkler bids appear on the April 27 agenda. Cullers reported that he had received a revised blue print for the Courthouse ramp and advised the Board regarding the need to bid the project. It was determined that bids would be let and a completion date of October 15 would be included in the specs. Cullers will confirm the number of doors at the east entrance, inform Cannon of the decision to let bids and include specs on the blue prints.

Cullers informed the Board they are invited to a Juvenile Services meeting at the Hangout in Arcadia on April 27, 2004 at 12:30 p.m., lunch will be provided. He reminded the Board that the \$4032 the County received last year through the Multi-County Juvenile Services Plan was used for an assembly presentation at area schools. Cullers is looking at an alternative school program and developing a formal diversion program as ideas for future funds. He also mentioned that he would like to work with Leth to review a water drainage policy from Phelps County and develop a policy for Valley County.

The mail folder, containing newsletters from Community Action of Nebr., Rural News Bits, BCBS Flash Facts, Chuck Hagel 2003 Year End Report and Economic Trends, was available for review.

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