

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, May 10, 2004, in their Courthouse meeting room in regular session. Chairman Sevenker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., roll call was taken with Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak and Sevenker present, Sintek absent. The Clerk verified that meeting notice had been published and posted and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. Collins moved, Cetak seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Public comment: Jane Zadina thanked the Board for the Wozab funds for the planting project at the nursing home. Trying Our Best 4-H Club, volunteers and nursing home residents participate in the project. Bethanne Kunz presented a proposed flyer suggested by Jeff Yost of Nebraska Community Foundation to show the impact Wozab Foundation funds have had in the county.

Road Supt., Max Leth, approved proposed easement refunds for Lawrence Welniak 03-198, Peterson Farms, Inc. 03-199, Larry O. White 03-200 and Eldon Foth 03-201. Collins moved to approve refunds for said easements, Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Leth's report included: received prints for the North Loup/Ord state road project including revisions made following the town hall meeting, project scheduled for 2007; will overlay Sargent road bridge today or tomorrow, then open road; Ashton road maintenance and shoulder work, removed trees in ROW, badly rutted south of Highway 22 due to truck traffic; bridge west of Elyria near Larry Kolar needs to be replaced or posted for lower tonnage, Board advised Leth meet with Jensen and Walahoski regarding project; received Board approval to pay for shop roof repair out of building and grounds budget if funds are available; Leth to discuss spraying of road ditches with Weed Supt., Kaminski; received approval of Ord City Council to have Gilmore draw up specs and stake the access road at the Mortensen Family Industrial Site, Leth to meet with Mayor Winterfeld as to who will let the bids; two-tiered Highway Supt. system will be delayed a year, resulting in delay of projected \$4500 incentive; Wheeler County to send 2 people for motor grader training May 25, 26, 27; fuel budget hurt by high gas bids of 1.83 and 1.765; seeded waterway at Cornerstone, Leth to check with Pheasants Forever or NRD for seed to plant triangle piece and 100' ROW, as it will not be farmed.

Planning and Zoning Admn., Glaubke, presented four requests for subdivisions of less than 10 acres and recommendations of approval for each from the Valley County Area Planning Commission. Following discussion of each subdivision and based on the Planning Commission recommendations, Ash moved, Beran seconded approval of a subdivision of 4.068 acres requested by Kevin Knapp, a subdivision of 8.33 acres for Cory and Joy Miller, and a Subdivision of 8 acres requested by Jeremy VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek. The subdivision of 4.64 acres requested by Dale Melia was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Abstain: Melia. Absent: Sintek.

Glaubke reported that LB1086 to create a task force on Initiative 300 and LB1008 regarding the appeal of a conditional use permit were not passed. Regulation of wells was discussed.

Treasurer Suminski gave April fund balances. General fund is up but highway incentive funds will come out of General to Road Fund before fiscal year end. Printouts and charts were provided showing tax breakdowns. Additional security was pledged due to amount of tax collections and a security was replaced by First Nebraska Bank. Discussed purchase of tax sale properties.

Board of Equalization convened at 10:10 a.m. on motion of Beran, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Beran, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Clerk and Deputy Assessor were present. Arnold explained that Martin Leasing, C/O CBIZ Property Tax Solutions asked for a correction of their personal property tax schedule for equipment no longer on lease. The Assessor's Office found that a power washer leased by J & J Sanitation was no longer on lease in 1993. A correction of \$33.42, was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran,

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Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Collins moved to return to regular session, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Monthly fee reports for the County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court were presented.

Custodian Don Severance appeared to discuss working part-time beginning June 1. He said he could not earn more than \$11,048 per year, and thought it would take about 20 hours each week to care for the building. Attorney Cullers said Don's doctor, Dr. Mubin, had shared his concerns for Don's welfare and advised that Dr. Julie Stevens, his primary physician, be consulted. Discussion included: checking restrooms daily, no outside work, what hours or days to work, hourly wage or contract, work only during hours Courthouse is open for business, and does not qualify for benefits. A decision is to be made at the next meeting.

Chairman Sevenker reported under the Courthouse care topic that Kunz had advised him the underground sprinkler should be put on a separate meter costing approximately \$400. Sewer tax is based on the current meter and a separate one would save about \$150 per year. Ash moved, Cetak seconded the motion approving the purchase and installation of a separate meter for the underground sprinkler system. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Ellen Davis of CNCS spoke regarding THRIVES, a transitional housing program for the homeless sponsored by CNCS. They are renewing their grant and asked the Board to sign a Memorandum of Endorsement supporting the program. Ash moved, Melia seconded approval of the Memorandum. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

One bid was received for the Courthouse ramp and was opened at 8:45 a.m. by the Building and Grounds Committee as noted in the bid advertisement. Bidder, Ted Nelson, was present and discussion was held regarding removing the old wood doors at the east entrance, installing a new single door, the type of door and opener to install. Phil Runyan will do the railing work. Ash moved to accept the bid of \$28,211 plus the additional \$2853.75 for a new automatic door and storefront, Melia seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Upgrading the door opener will be discussed at a later date.

While awaiting the arrival of Weed Supt. Kaminski, the Clerk reported that Bethanne Kunz had advised that agenda item #9D, the conditions letter for the RBEG grant, should be rescheduled to the May 25 meeting when more information will be available.

Bond certificate for Ron Wolf, Twin Loup Recl. Dist. Mgr., was approved on motion of Melia, second by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

A claim from the State of Nebraska was presented for damage to a State vehicle. The vehicle was parked at the Courthouse when a dumpster was blown into it by heavy winds. The claim was turned in to the County's liability insurance carrier and will be on the next agenda for their reply.

Darrell Kaminski, County Weed Supt. was present for the Weed Program Evaluation presented by Ag Inspection Specialist, Ron Bouska. Bouska handed out a sheet with information on what is evaluated and a sheet giving Valley County's evaluation score of 2582 points out of 3400. Bouska said Valley County has cleaned up a lot of land and is doing a good job. He also said the state is rewriting the weed control plan to give more guidance to Weed Supt. and County Boards. Chairman Sevenker recognized Kaminski for passing the test as a Certified Manager of Invasive Plants and said there are only 7 others in the state who have earned this certificate.

Buffalo County's request regarding a proposed change in Veteran's benefits based on the type of discharge received was discussed. Sevenker indicated that Valley County VSO, Charlie Cox is to attend a meeting in North Platte this week and asked that this item be delayed until the next meeting.

The Summary Report of Current Expenditures showing the remaining budget for each fund, was discussed. Beran, Collins and Cetak are to meet at 8:30 a.m. prior to the regular Board meeting on May 25, 2004 to discuss the Building and Grounds budget with regard to the change from a full-time to a part-time maintenance person and contracted lawn care.

Each Board member received a copy of the audit report from McDermott and Miller.

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County Attorney Cullers confirmed with the Board how complaints of pivots spraying a roadway are to be handled. Complaints received by Road or Sheriff Dept. are documented and if not taken care of after repeated requests or if complaints continue can be prosecuted.

Mail folder items were available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 13 meeting and an agenda for the May 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 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 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 notice of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk