

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, May 25, 2004. Roll call was taken with Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak and Sevenker present. Notice of meeting was verified and minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Beran, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Beran, Melia, Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Five persons signed up for public comment listing the Hospital Board as their topic, Stefan Baker also listed County Road. Marty Petska felt both Hospital Board and County Board had made decisions best for whole county not one issue or group and asked that current members be reappointed or applications taken. Nancy Glaubke pointed out the loss of the Administrator and two key Board members made appointments very important, urging the Board to reappoint Fischer and thanking Bossen for a good job. Jayma Brown asked that the continuity of the Board be preserved, saying that recent state surveys and investigations have found no major defects or noncompliance by the Hospital and the facility is in good standing. Stefan Baker asked the Supervisors to deny tax dollars to the hospital for a new boiler, water heater and roof repair because they have money set aside for these expenses. He also asked them to do something about an access dispute on private property which he said was a civil matter but a hospital issue carryover. Larry Koelling said the Hospital Board of Trustees had violated that trust by not following the recommendations of the task force and had created the financial losses.

Road Supt., Leth was absent as he was hosting motor grader training. Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson gave the report of Road claims and balances for May: fuel is over budget due to high gas prices, but overall there is \$177,017 left in the budget for this fiscal year. Shop roof repair bill was paid out of the Road Budget misc. capital outlay since it was not budgeted in Building and Grounds and there did not appear to be sufficient funds. Simpson confirmed that Leth had given his okay for approval of Easements 04-214 Cook & Cook Inc. and 04-215 Alvin W. Vavra. Collins moved to approve both Easements, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Following discussion, the agreement with the State for the County to tie out and remonument land monuments for maintenance work on Highway 70 from reference post 114 to 119 was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Don Williamson, CEO discussed with the Board the hospital financial and statistical reports for April. Discussion also included: Quorum's paying it's own way, Williamson indicated some savings have been realized and Medicare reimbursements should begin to show up, 30 days after the audit scheduled for August he could give a better estimate; if all bills were paid, there would be a balance of \$82,000 in CDs and there are \$1,800,000 in accounts receivables. He also explained that the \$239,000 budgeted for capital expenditures referred to by Stefan Baker is kept in an interest bearing account and it is to the hospital's advantage to leave it there if possible. A rate increase is being discussed due to higher operating costs.

Sheriff Larry Ronzzo reported attending jail administration training and said that consolidation of communications between the County and City of Ord is waiting for the 911 system hookup at Region 26. The Sheriff's report of April Fees and Activities were presented to the Board.

At 10:12 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk and Assessor were present. The tax correction for Marlin Leasing, approved at the last meeting, was signed by Chairman Sevenker. The Findings and Order of TERC, that no adjustments were required in the matter of the equalization of assessments of real property within Valley County for tax year 2004, was presented. Waits reported that revised valuation notices will be sent out June 1, 2004. Discussion was held on scheduling property valuation protest hearings. Ash moved, Cetak seconded

the motion to hear property valuation protests on regular meeting dates June 8 and 29, changing the time for convening the Board of Equalization to 11:00 a.m. for those meetings and a third date on June 15 at 7:30 p.m. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Motion was made by Ash to go back into regular session, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins. Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Janet Suminski reported that the Hospital Bond will be paid off in October, 2004 and the Airport Bond will be paid off in September, 2006.

Courthouse custodial care discussion was delayed until the return of the County Attorney.

Following discussion, Resolution 04-16 to clarify the definition of eligible veteran concerning State of Nebraska veterans' benefits was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Alan Anderson reported that the State's claim for damages to a DMV vehicle was denied by the County's insurance company, EMC. The County need take no further action on the claim unless something more is received. He also informed the Board that the liability insurance renewal date was May 17 and that he expected a substantial increase due to the workmans comp portion. This item is to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Bethanne Kunz reported on the RBEG grant that the County would not be required to pay any of the matching funds and that at this point is the County needs to sign the letter of intent and the obligation of funds. The grant funds are to be used to hire a staff person so portions of the conditions letter that refer to property do not apply. Following discussion, Ash moved and Cetak seconded approval of signing the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions (form RD 1942-46) and the Request for Obligation of Funds (form FmHA 1940-1). Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion was held regarding Hospital Board members Kara Fischer and Dick Bossen whose terms are up. Fischer is willing to serve another term, Bossen is willing to serve until a replacement is named. Following discussion, Melia moved, Beran seconded the reappointment of Kara Fischer to the Hospital Board for another 6 year term. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Following further discussion regarding the application process, Collins moved that applications for the Hospital Board of Trustees position be taken until June 24, that previous applicants must reapply and that the County Board decision be made at the June 29 meeting. Motion seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Collins, Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk was directed to advertise accordingly. Sintek moved that Bossen continue to serve until a replacement is appointed, Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Connie Fread, Nurse Manager of Outpatient and Transportation, asked the Board to help fund the purchase of a new van. They currently have 2, the older one is a 1992 Ford Club Wagon which they are not comfortable using out of town. In Ord donations are taken and outside Ord a fee schedule was started last November. To contract with Social Services as a provider, a fee schedule is required. Purchase of a new van would free up the old one to be used by Nursing Home residents. The van would cost \$28,573.50, Federal money would pay 83% and the County is asked to pay the remaining \$4857.50. The Foundation has not yet been approached. Melia moved to use \$4857.50 from Inheritance Tax Fund to purchase the van, Beran seconded the motion. Further discussion was held regarding asking the Foundation to contribute and Fread agreed to take the request to the Foundation at their next meeting on the 16th of June and come back to the County on the 29th. Motion did not carry. Yes: none. No: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. Absent: none.

Use of the Courthouse lobby for the County Republican Convention on June 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. and for the Democratic Convention on June 3, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk will see that doors are unlocked and relocked on these nights.

Informational items noted: CNEDD meeting on May 24th, Lodging Tax receipts of \$744.95 and the request for funds for RC&D Household Hazardous Waste Collection in October.

Bond for Dale Zadina, Ord Rural Fire Dist. #2 Treasurer, approved on motion of Melia, second by Beran. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Collins. Sintek, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers and Custodian Don Severance were present for discussion of Courthouse custodial care. Cullers presented a letter from Dr. Mubin. Following discussion, it was agreed that Don Severance would no longer perform custodial duties after June 1, 2004 due to medical concerns expressed by Dr. Mubin and other observations made by Courthouse personnel and Board members. Chairman Sevenker reported that underground sprinkler installation is to start this week. After further discussion, Ash moved, Collins seconded, to advertise for applications for part-time janitorial services, to be taken until 9:00 a.m. June 8, to be considered at the June 8 Board meeting. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

May claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Collins, Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers' report included:

- Resolution 04-17 to correct Resolution 04-07 which contained an incorrect legal description for the Lutz road closing. Resolution 04-17 was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.
- weed notices were almost completed and he had received approval from the State to offer the biological control program to more than just one landowner.
- on the road issue referred to by Stefan Baker, based on information gathered by Sheriff Ronzzo and Road Supt. Leth, it is a private property dispute, a civil matter and not County Board business.

There were no Committee Reports and the following Mail Folder items were available for review: Region 26 Agenda, CNCS Newsletters, Community Action of Nebr., Nebr. Engineer, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, to reconvene on Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 11:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 25 meeting and an agenda for the June 8 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, Valley County Clerk