

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, July 27, 2004, in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak and Collins present, Sevenker absent. Vice-Chairman Collins conducted the meeting. Minutes of the July 13 meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. No one had signed up for public comment.

Secretary Simpson reported July Road claims and balances: payroll \$31,349.01, accounts payable \$31,349.01, some larger expenses were culverts, asphalt and gravel.

Discussion was held regarding the culvert project for Jay Knapp that involves relocating a phone line. Sintek and Leth will look at it and report back to the Board. Leth reported: making another windrow now for use on Ashton road and Loup City road, another 1 1/2 rows to be made for winter mix; will paint in fall after armour coating; truss bridge is out and will be hauled today, trying to get permission to take directly to fairgrounds; presented and discussed traffic count map from state for Valley County roads; discussion of state's 1 and 6 year plan for Valley County; received call from Garfield County Commissioner Jerry Mead regarding hiring Leth to provide part-time Highway Supt. services for Garfield County, referred topic to County Attorney Cullers. Cullers advised an interlocal agreement is needed and Garfield County, as requesting party, should present agreement for Valley County approval. Discussed cost of hauling our own gravel as opposed to paying to have it hauled.

Sheriff Ronzzo presented his fees and activities report for June. He reported that, as of today, there are 13 prisoners in the jail, 3 over the limit. The new consolidated communication system is in use. There are lots of bugs to be worked out, the Sheriff's new radios are not yet in place but the city upgrades are all in place. Ronzzo reported the breakdown of the 1997 patrol car, which has over 195,000 miles on it and will cost \$1100 to repair. The Kansas auction where the other 2 cars were purchased is holding a vehicle for him until tomorrow which would have under 50,000 miles and cost \$12,000. Following discussion, the Board felt that since 2 patrol cars had been purchased recently it would be better to repair the old one and try to get by another year. Moved by Ash, seconded by Melia to repair the old patrol car and not include this \$12,000 in the budget. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Clerk of District Court fees and fines report was presented and IV-D reimbursement of \$1749.20 District Court, \$3953.94 Co. Attorney, and \$540.88 Medical Co. Attorney was reported.

Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel, presented his preliminary report regarding the County budget. The overall cash balance is up, but that includes use of Inheritance Tax funds. The preliminary valuations from the Assessor's Office indicate that the same tax rate would bring in more dollars. He will report further at the budget meeting on August 8, after he has entered the budget requests and subdivision levy requests are available.

Lodging Tax received for May was \$665.96. The Clerk reported that more than \$600 was paid out in July, but was not included on the spreadsheet given to the Board.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. billing for fiscal year 2004-2005 in the amount of \$4647, based on \$1.00 per capita, was presented and approved on motion of Cetak, second by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

July claims were approved on motion of Melia, second by Beran. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

The following agenda items were discussed: letter from Kinder Morgan regarding \$2.00 per month increased customer charge due to litigation; letter from Nebr. HHS regarding Mental Health Board Training, Melia advised that Region III will continue to provide this service to participating Counties; Gov. Johanns' response to Keith County regarding mandated valuation increases.

The Board of Equalization portion of the agenda was reached early and, since it was not anticipated that anyone would appear to testify concerning the matters before it, the Board of

Equalization was convened at 9:55 a.m. on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Cetak, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. Assessor and Clerk were present.

Minutes of the special Board of Equalization meeting held on July 8, for the purpose of hearing property valuation protests were approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Discussion was held regarding the Keown's 2003 TERC appeal. Assessor Waits recommends confessing judgment on the appeal since some of the information used in setting the value was outdated and it was likely that TERC would decide in favor of the Keowns. Waits indicated that the information used to set the 2004 assessed value was current and would be more likely to be supported by TERC. Attorney Cullers had the paperwork ready to confess judgment if the Board approved. Following discussion, Melia moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation to confess judgment on the Keown's 2003 TERC appeal, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash. No: Sintek, Cetak. Absent: Sevenker.

Tax List Corrections were presented for Joseph W. and Patricia Miller, who purchased a mobile home to replace one that was sold and for the Cass Construction business which has been sold. Both were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Beran moved to go out of Board of Equalization, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

The County Attorney had no further report than what had been said throughout the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Collins, reporting for the Building & Grounds Committee, explained that upon offering the custodial position to Braithwaite as approved at the last meeting, it was discovered that she could only work after 5:30 p.m.. Since the Board wanted the custodian to be on duty some portion of the business day, the offer was withdrawn and the position was offered to Rolland Cronk. Cronk began working on July 16. Cetak moved to approve the hiring of Rolland Cronk as the Courthouse Custodian, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Beran, Melia, Ash, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Mail folder items available for review: Loup Basin RC&D, Nebr. Crime Commission-Grant Writing Training, Notice of new Pierce County Commissioner, Community Action of Nebr., Liquor Control Commission, Nebr. Workforce Development.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. to reconvene on Monday, August 9, at 8:00 p.m. in special session for the purpose of discussing budget and levy requests, and on Tuesday, August 10, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 27 meeting and an agenda for the August 10 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