

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors to discuss budget and subdivision levy requests was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Beran, Melia, Ash, Sevenker, Cetak, Sintek and Collins present. Notice of meeting was verified. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Don Williamson spoke regarding the Ambulance budget and their request for \$25,000 to help pay workers comp for the EMTs. The cost went up due to new carrier mistakenly listing ambulance as 911 responder instead of transport ambulance and they are in the process of appealing this designation. It was suggested that if the EMTs were on the County payroll, the workers comp would be around \$5000. Following discussion, the Board felt there was time to wait to see if the appeal of the 911 designation would result in a better rate. The \$40,000 request is meant to cover any shortfall between ambulance revenue and operating costs and is only a guess.

Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel, provided a summary of fund balances as of June 30, 2003, receipts, disbursements and ending balance for the last fiscal year, the projected receipts and disbursements for the new fiscal year and the resulting projected balances. He noted that the County continues to spend more than is taken in and that the Inheritance Tax Fund is what keeps the cash balance up. Although it will not affect the levy as it is outside the lid, no assessment will be needed for the Hospital Bond's last payment in October, any shortfall can be made up from Hospital Operations. State aid to road will be about the same as last year. Last year the County assessed the maximum amount allowed. The only way to gain anything is to quit giving the subdivisions a portion of the levy. Abel also advised that the Board be optimistic in setting a budget amount for the Grant Fund as it is not an assessed fund so does not count against the lid and is only used to disburse grant money that is received. The Clerk noted that \$50,000 has already been awarded to Ord Economic Development who is planning to apply for \$25,000 this fall and RC&D has approached the County regarding \$50,000 grant they are applying for. There is also the possibility of a grant for an elevator in the Courthouse.

Don Blaha was present to discuss the Airport Authority request. He pointed out that if their request continues to be cut, in three years their cash reserve will be gone. The Airport receives income of \$15,000 hangger rent, \$4000 land rent. There are 2 years left on the bond.

Dan Spilinek spoke regarding the Loup Valley Ag Society subdivision request noting they want to put a roof over the bleachers at a cost of \$30,00.

Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski was present and noted his request for a \$600 raise for the year and offering to cut the \$3000 budgeted for weed control as it has never been used.

Supervisor Sintek reported that Ron Wolf, Manager of Twin Loups Reclamation Dist. spoke to him regarding their subdivision request and that it has remained the same for several years. Once some water rights issues are settled, they will no longer request funds from the County.

Custodian Rolland Cronk reported the need for some plumbing work and replacement or repair of some fixtures as well as his concern for the boiler. He also recommended that the County look into increasing the lodging tax to collect an additional 2% which can be used for "brick & mortar" requests such as the Ag Society roof over their bleachers.

The County Attorney, Sheriff, and Road Supt. were present for discussion of their office budgets. County Attorney discussion included witness fees, rent, heat & utilities. Treasurer reported the officials and department heads had agreed on a \$50 per month raise for employees. Sheriff discussed request for new vehicle, Board asked that the \$12,725 vehicle request be cut to \$2500 to cover possible repair of the old car. Road Supt. said he is still one employee short, 1 grader payment left, need to replace a truck and pickup, budgeted for a \$50 per month raise for employees and he will wait to order culverts in hopes the price will come down.

There was further discussion of the subdivision levy requests and the timeline for completion of the budget setting process.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, August 10, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 9, 2004, 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 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 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